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Senators tout bill after mass shooting

Murphy, Blumenthal call for passage of Domestic Terrorism Protection Act following Buffalo attack

By Ted Glanzer
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Corrie Betts, the criminal justice chair of the Connecticut NAACP, pulled no punches in placing blame for the May 14 supermarket shooting at the hands of a white supremacist in a predominantly Black Buffalo neighborhood that left 10 people dead.

Betts pointed the finger at, among others, social media outlets that are used as "cesspools and breeding grounds for hate and bigotry," politicians who stand against "sensible" gun control legislation, pundits and right-wing politicians who espouse conspiracy theories including the Great Replacement, and policymakers and law enforcement who haven't taken "significant action" to eradicate hate groups that "permeate" society.

"My heart goes out to the victims and their families, but my soul is on fire," Betts said. "What happened on May 14 in Buffalo on Jefferson Avenue in that poor and segregated community could have happened right here in Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven, Waterbury or any other segregated enclave in this state."

Betts spoke at a news conference at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford on Friday afternoon with U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Stacey Sobel of the ADL and Michael Bloom of the Jewish Federation Associates of

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Corrie Betts, the criminal justice chair of the Connecticut NAACP, speaks at a news conference Friday in Hartford with U.S. Sens. Chris Murphy, right, and Richard Blumenthal calling for the passage of the Domestic Terrorism Protection Act. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**



U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, right, and Democratic U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, second from right, tour the Millstone Nuclear Power Station in Waterford on Friday. They are working to change how spent nuclear fuel is stored nationwide to solve a decadeslong stalemate. **JENNIFER MCDERMOTT/AP**

WHO WILL STORE NUCLEAR WASTE?

US energy chief: Communities 'excited' about plants, but few volunteer to take spent rods

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

WATERFORD — U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said Friday 200 communities nationwide have responded to requests for information about storing radioactive waste, but federal officials still have the daunting task of finding local officials to volunteer to take on spent nuclear rods.

In a visit to the Millstone Power Station in Waterford and the State Pier in New London, Granholm said federal officials "want to continue to use these plants" and must figure out what to do with spent nuclear rods.

The Department of Energy is reviewing responses to a request for information it issued to nuclear industry stakeholders in December 2021 as a first step in another attempt to figure out how and where to store the highly radioactive, spent uranium that is the waste product of nuclear energy production.

"A lot of communities raised their hand and said, 'Yes, we are excited to have a nuclear plant,'" Granholm told reporters just a few yards from reinforced concrete storage holding spent nuclear rods at Millstone. "But they didn't all volunteer to host the waste.

"There are communities that are willing to engage in that conversation. "We got about 200 responses from communities, not all of them saying we want to raise [our] hand."

Asked if any volunteered, Granholm said, "Let's just say people are willing to engage in a conversation."

The Department of Energy will issue another request for information later this year, and the process will take a "couple of years" and will call for compensation to communities for storage of radioactive waste.

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Clash over Logan heats up

Dems have questioned candidate's residence; now he alleges racism

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — For months, Democrats have been complaining that Republican candidate George Logan does not live in the 5th Congressional district.

But the clash reached a new level this week with charges of racism as Logan said that a Democratic Party tweet had compared him to Curious George, a cartoon monkey in children's books and television shows. At issue is whether the tweet mirrors the "This is George" format of the books, written by H.A. and Margaret Ray in the 1940s, or the "Be like Bill" memes that frequent social media.

"For a party that claims to be open and inclusive, this sort of tweet, which was also retweeted by my opponent Jahana Hayes, certainly comes off as racially motivated," Logan said Friday. "However, this isn't the first time Democrats and Jahana Hayes have made racially charged comments or statements in regards to my candidacy.

"While Americans are experiencing surging inflation, the highest gas prices in our nation's history, increase in crime in our communities, and a crisis at our southern border, Democrats would rather play the race card than talk about or solve our issues. I won't be deterred from addressing the real issues that are negatively impacting the residents of the 5th District."

The dust-up started with a tweet from Connecticut Democrats that showed a picture of

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WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia claims it has captured Mariupol

'Complete liberation' of steel plant could be end of long siege

By Elena Becatoros, Oleksandr Stashevskyi and Ciaran McQuillan
Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine — Russia claimed to have captured Mariupol on Friday in what would be its biggest victory yet in its war with Ukraine, after a nearly three-month siege that reduced much of the strategic port city to ruin, with over 20,000 civilians feared dead.

Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu reported to President Vladimir Putin the "complete liberation" of the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol — the last stronghold of Ukrainian resistance — and the city as a whole, spokesman Igor Konashenkov said.

There was no immediate confirmation from Ukraine.

Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti quoted the ministry as saying a total of 2,439 Ukrainian fighters who had been holed up at the steelworks had surrendered since Monday, including more than 500 on Friday.

As they surrendered, the troops were taken prisoner by the Russians, and at least some were taken to a former penal colony. Others were said to be hospitalized.

The defense of the steel mill had been led by Ukraine's Azov Regiment, whose far-right origins

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Ukrainian soldiers who left a steel plant under attack in Mariupol sit in a bus Friday near a penal colony in Olyonivka, Ukraine. **AP**

COVID-19 surges in nursing homes

Coronavirus infections among nursing home residents have risen almost sixfold over a month with 478 infections reported for the two-week period ending May 10. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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CT, in support for the passage of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act.

The measure, which is being considered in the Senate next week, would formalize an interagency process between all of the federal agencies, including the FBI, Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Justice, that track white supremacist groups and track violence; require the Department of Justice to create a formal mechanism in all field offices to track and address hate crimes; and require reporting of hate crimes and domestic terrorist groups, Murphy said.

The piece of legislation would also require the FBI to assign a special agent to each field office to investigate hate crimes with a nexus to domestic terrorism.

"This is a really important piece of legislation," Murphy said. "It certainly doesn't resolve this problem, but it will result in a new seriousness at the federal government to track and combat domestic-extremist terrorism. Our hearts are breaking for the families in Buffalo. But ... this network of domestic extremist organizations is active and the next massacre is just around the corner if we don't get serious about this threat."

Year over year, the U.S. has seen more hate crimes being committed and attacks by domestic terrorists, Murphy said.

According to one study, Murphy said, there were 73 domestic terror attacks and plots in the U.S. in 2021. Since 2015, right-wing extremists had been involved in 267 different plots or attacks, resulting in almost 100 fatalities, Murphy said.

"Unfortunately, this right-wing, hateful, white nationalist, extremist movement is growing in strength," Murphy said. "It now operates out in the open. ... Right now, the reality is people's lives are at risk."

Blumenthal noted that he had recently been in West Hartford, where flyers had been dropped off in the community by the purported neo-Nazi group the New England Nationalist Social Club. A similar incident took place in Enfield several days ago.

"The flyers in West Hartford and Enfield may seem harmless or a prank, but they reflect a cancer," Blumenthal said. "These flyers reflect a cancer in Connecticut and the country that is metastasizing. It's a cancer of hatred. Violent extremism, white nationalism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism, they are the symptoms of hatred. ... We need to counter it."

Sobel, from the ADL, said the screed written by the Buffalo shooter, Payton Gendron, relied heavily on the Great Replacement theory — "a toxic rejection of multiculturalism and dangerously posits that traditional Americans are being replaced by invaders."

She noted that Gendron's writing was primarily lifted from a screed written by the perpetrator of the Christchurch, New Zealand, shootings in 2019 that left 51 people dead in and outside of two mosques.

"Sadly we are seeing a pattern where white supremacist attacks bear unmistakable hallmarks of previous attacks," Sobel said. "The data also underscores ... far-right extremists pose the greatest terror threats to the United States."

Connecticut, Sobel said, is not immune. In addition to West Hartford and Enfield, towns such as Killingsworth, East Hartford, Trumbull, Westbrook, Hamden and Montville have seen incidents of white supremacist propaganda, flyers, stickers, banners and graffiti, she said.

Bloom noted that there are still a few states that do not have hate crime laws, making federal action such as the DTPA necessary.

"This vital legislation will provide our key federal agencies as well as states additional tools because the issue of domestic terrorism is not going away," he said.

The bill passed the House 222-203 on Wednesday with only one Republican — Rep. Adam Kinzinger from Illinois — joining all 221 Democrats. Murphy and Blumenthal decried Republican opposition to the bill, saying it wasn't a partisan issue.

"I don't know why we don't have Republicans supporting us. ... It simply says the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security should make fighting domestic extremism a priority," Murphy said. "This isn't a political bill."

Murphy noted that 60 votes were needed to get the bill passed in the Senate, and Democrats have the slimmest of majorities at 50-50 with Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris serving as a tie-breaker.

"I certainly worry whether we will be able to get enough Republican support to pass this."



At the State Pier in New London on Friday, U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, foreground, is joined by state energy and environmental Commissioner Katie Dykes, from left, Gov. Ned Lamont and U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy. **STEPHEN SINGER/HARTFORD COURANT**

Nuclear

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Connecticut has been living more than half a century with what was supposed to have been temporary spent fuel storage.

"That was not the deal when the plant was built 50 years ago," said Rep. Joe Courtney, who invited Granholm to visit the Connecticut sites.

Waterford First Selectman Rob Brule said town residents expect the federal government to keep its word dating to the early days of Millstone and store nuclear waste elsewhere.

"We're one of the first local communities to adjust to nuclear waste in town," he said. "We knew there would be some risks and unknowns associated with that."

The plant is the biggest taxpayer in Waterford, paying $35 million a year in property taxes, Brule said.

Granholm toured the nuclear plant, taking questions just yards from rows of reinforced concrete containers holding spent rods. The first were stored in 2005 and will remain until the federal government finds an alternative.

Congress has authorized $40 million over two years for the Department of Energy to work with communities to find takers of nuclear waste, and the agency has requested $53 million in the next budget, Courtney said.

A planned burial site for nuclear rods in Yucca Mountain in Nevada has been halted due to local opposition, and federal officials are now using a "consent-based" process to find a solution.

The issue of where to store nuclear waste is taking on more urgency as federal and state officials look to boost nuclear power to achieve targets for reduced greenhouse gas emissions. Granholm said nuclear power is important to reach the goal of 100% clean electricity by 2035, which was set by President Joe Biden.

Millstone comprises 40% of electricity generated in Connecticut and 90% of non-greenhouse gas sources of energy.

Granholm visited the State Pier to highlight another energy alternative to carbon: a $236 million project that will upgrade and enlarge the site to accommodate wind turbine assembly before the towers are towed out to the Atlantic Ocean.

She could not escape a question about the painful rise in energy prices that are contributing to the highest rate of inflation since the early 1980s. It's become a political problem for Democrats seeking to keep or expand their thin majorities in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives.

Granholm, a former Democratic governor of Michigan, was joined in New London by Connecticut's all-Democratic leadership: Gov. Ned Lamont, U.S. Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and Courtney.

Granholm blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for rising energy prices.

"We are in a crisis now because barrels are pulled off the market by Putin's war on Ukraine," she said.

She and Connecticut's leaders said the upending of energy markets because of the war that began in late February demonstrates the need to step up zero-carbon energy production to achieve independence from unstable overseas sources.

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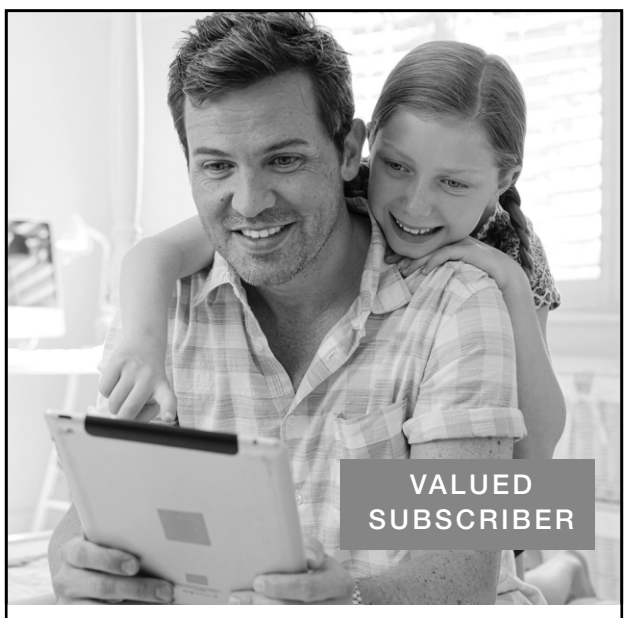
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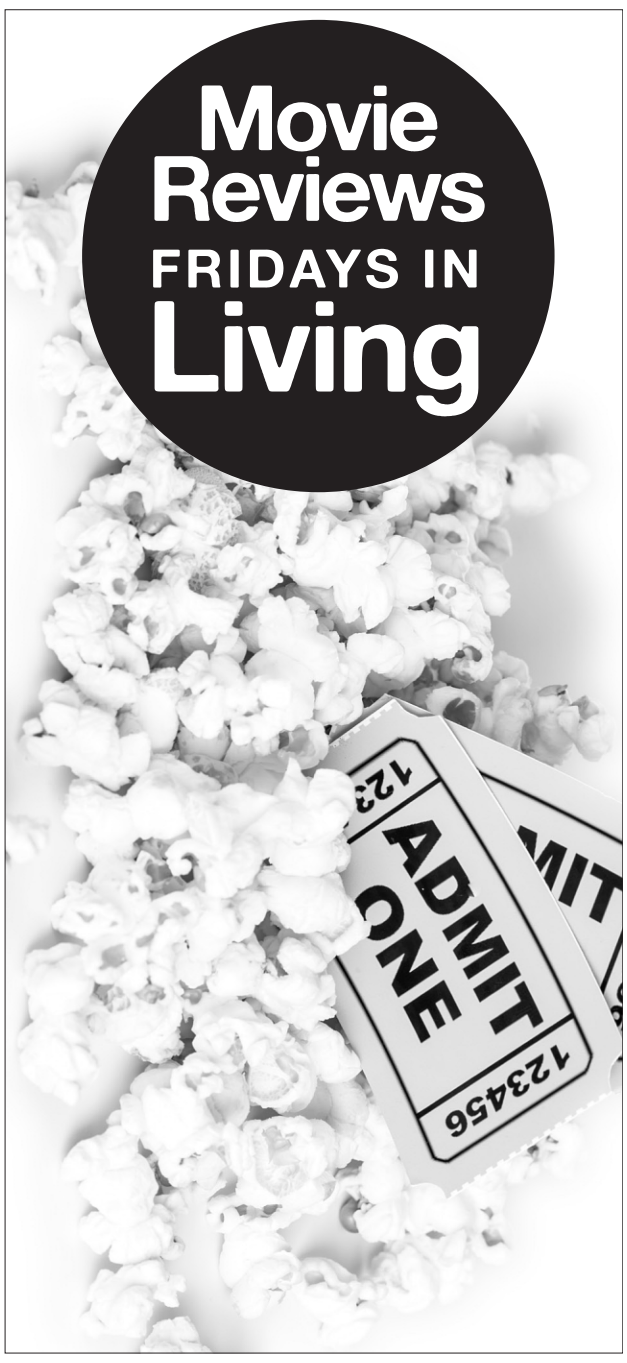
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Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: $1.2 million
Tonight's est. Powerball jackpot:
$117 million







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John Hinckley Jr., above, tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981. Hinckley is set to be freed unconditionally in June provided he continues to follow rules. **EVAN VUCCI/AP 2003**

No opposition to restrictions on would-be Reagan assassin

By Ben Finley
Associated Press

Attorneys for the federal government have indicated that they will not oppose a plan to lift all remaining restrictions next month on John Hinckley Jr., the man who tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan in 1981.

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Friedman in Washington ruled last year that Hinckley can be freed unconditionally in June if he continues to follow rules placed on him and remains mentally stable as he continues to live in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Hinckley, 66, has remained mentally stable and violated no conditions, according to a letter filed by U.S. attorneys with the court Thursday. That determination was based on letters from the Washington's Department of Health, which has overseen Hinckley's care.

"As such, the government has found no evidence to suggest that Mr. Hinckley's unconditional release should not be granted as outlined," the letter from the U.S. attorneys stated.

A court hearing is scheduled for June 1.

Hinckley was 25 when he shot and wounded the 40th U.S. president outside a Washington hotel. The shooting paralyzed press secretary James Brady, who died in 2014. It also injured Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and Washington police Officer Thomas Delahanty.

Hinckley was suffering from acute psychosis. When jurors found him not guilty by reason of insanity, they said he needed treatment and not a lifetime in confinement.

Such an acquittal meant Hinckley could not be blamed or punished for what he did, legal experts have said. Hinckley was ordered to live at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington.

In the 2000s, Hinckley started visiting his parents' home in Williamsburg. A 2016 court order granted him permission to live with his mother full time, after experts said his mental illness had been in remission for decades.

Hinckley had to live under a long list of restrictions, which the judge has been loosening over the years. For instance, Hinckley was allowed to move out of his mother's house. She died in July. He signed a lease for a one-bedroom apartment in the area last year and began living there with his cat, according to court filings.

There is no longer a ban on him talking to the media. But when Rolling Stone magazine requested an interview with Hinckley to talk about his music, Hinckley declined, according to court filings. "Mr. Hinckley sought the advice of his treatment team and therapy group before deciding to decline the invitation," according to a report filed last year with the court.

Hinckley still must give three days' notice if he wants to travel more than 75 miles from home. Other restrictions include barring Hinckley from traveling to places where he knows there will be someone protected by the Secret Service. He can't contact any of his victims or their families.

He also can't contact the actor Jodie Foster, with whom he was obsessed at the time of the shooting.

Ginni Thomas' emails show involvement in '20 election

By Mark Sherman and Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press



Virginia "Ginni" Thomas urged GOP lawmakers in Arizona to choose their own slate of electors, arguing Joe Biden's victory in the state was marred by fraud. **SUSAN WALSH /AP 2017**

WASHINGTON — Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and a conservative political activist, urged Republican lawmakers in Arizona after the 2020 presidential election to choose their own slate of electors, arguing that results giving Joe Biden a victory in the state were marred by fraud.

The revelations first published by The Washington Post on Friday show that Thomas was more involved than previously known in efforts, based on unsubstantiated claims of fraud, to overturn Biden's victory and keep then-President Donald Trump in office.

In the days after Associated Press and other news organizations called the election for Biden, Thomas emailed two lawmakers in Arizona to urge them to choose "a clean slate of Electors" and "stand strong in the face of political and media pressure."

The AP obtained the emails under the state's open records law.

Thomas also had written to then-White House chief of staff Mark Meadows in the weeks following the election encouraging him to work to overturn Biden's victory and keep Trump in office, according to text messages first reported by the Post and CBS News.

Thomas was a staunch Trump supporter who acknowledged she attended the "Stop the Steal" rally on Jan. 6, 2021, at the Ellipse but left before Trump spoke and his supporters later stormed the U.S. Capitol.

She has been critical of the ongoing congressional investigation into the Jan. 6 violence, including signing onto a letter to House Republicans calling for the expulsion of Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois from the GOP conference for joining the Jan. 6 congressional committee.

Justice Thomas, meanwhile, has taken part in the court's consideration of lawsuits challenging the election results. The court turned away every challenge without a hearing, though Thomas was among three conservative justices who said cases from Pennsylvania should be heard. In February 2021, Thomas called the cases an "ideal opportunity" to address an important question whether state lawmakers or state courts get the last word about the manner in which federal elections are carried out.

In January, Thomas was the lone member of the court who supported a bid by Trump to withhold documents from the Jan 6. committee. The documents were held by the National Archives and Records Administration and included presidential diaries, visitor logs, speech drafts and handwritten notes dealing with Jan. 6 from Meadows' files.

Thomas did not immediately respond to a request for comment, made to the court Friday.

Democratic lawmakers have called on Thomas to step aside from election-related cases, but he has given no indication he intends to do so.

Ginni Thomas has said she and the justice keep their work separate.

"Like so many married couples, we share many of the same ideals, principles, and aspirations for America. But we have our own separate careers, and our own ideas and opinions too. Clarence doesn't discuss his work with me, and I don't involve him in my work," Thomas told the Washington Free Beacon in an interview published in March.

She sent emails to Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers and Rep. Shawnna Bolick, who this year is running for Arizona secretary of state.

Thomas wrote them again on Dec. 13, the day before electors met in state capitols around the country to formally cast their votes for president.

"As state lawmakers, you have the Constitutional power and authority to protect the integrity of our elections — and we need you to exercise that power now!" the email said. "Never before in our nation's history have our elections been so threatened by fraud and unconstitutional procedures."

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Logan as he stood in front of a yellow "Don't Tread on Me" Gadsden flag. He has a finger on his lip, looking curious.

"This is George," the tweet says. "George doesn't live in the 5th District but wants to represent it in Congress. George's uncle lives in the 5th District. George says he's moved into his uncle's house. But has he?"

The tweet closes by saying, "Just run where you live, George. Deceiving voters is no way to start a campaign."

Ever since Logan made his announcement in July 2021, his residency has been an issue. He lived for the past 20 years in Ansonia, which is in the 3rd Congressional District. He repeatedly said he intended to move to the 5th District but needed to wait until after the official district lines were drawn that are based on the U.S. Census that is conducted every 10 years.

The campaign says he is now living in Meriden, which is in the 5th District.

This year's campaign is historic because it is the first time in Connecticut that two Black candidates are facing off for a Congressional seat. Hayes is the first Black woman to represent the district, which stretches from New Britain to Danbury to Salisbury.



Republican George Logan, left, is running for Congress in an increasingly bitter battle against two-term U.S. Rep. Jahana Hayes. For months, his residency has been an issue in the race. **COURANT FILE**

The tweet captured attention because the Democratic twitter account has more than 44,000 followers.

"Connecticut Democrats, using a popular meme featuring Dick and Jane and stick figures, called out George Logan for not living in the 5th Congressional District where he is seeking office," state party chairwoman Nancy DiNardo said. "The Connecticut Republicans have no opinion about actual racism in their ranks, about demanding that schools stop teaching the history of slavery, about the murderous violence incited by the persistent discussion of replacement theory. But they are finding racism where none is intended or expressed.

"George Logan still does not live in the 5th District."

But Logan's spokesman, Paul Amarone, says the candidate and his wife, Lisa, are renting a home in Meriden that is owned by his uncle, who lives in Florida. Logan is now registered to vote in Meriden.

The Democratic tweet, which was posted Wednesday, was taken down at about 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Before that, Amarone had said, "We don't expect them to take it down."

In a separate tweet, Connecticut Democrats said, "We did *not* make any comparison to Curious George. However, our post has been misrepresented and is causing offense. For that, we're sorry. It's deleted."

Some Democrats were outraged, including Simsbury attorney Melissa Osborne, who is running for the state legislature to fill the seat being vacated by state Rep. John Hampton, who is not seeking re-election after five terms.

"It was dumb, even childish, and easily construed as offensive," Osborne tweeted. "It shouldn't have happened & I've reached @ctdems officials to let them know how I feel."

Sen. Gary Winfield, a New Haven Democrat who has spoken about racial issues and serves as co-chairman of the legislature's judiciary committee, tweeted, "This is absolutely unacceptable! Doesn't matter which party did it. The historical context makes this nothing less than vile. Period. The deflecting in the press release to what the Republicans do and don't do in their ranks only makes it worse."

Hayes issued a detailed statement Friday in which she said she did not see the tweet as racist.

"I read the tweet as saying this person wants to run in the 5th district, yet has no interest in moving here and is instead using the address of a relative," Hayes said. "The tweet itself used a cadence popular in millennial posts: e.g. this is Jane — don't be like Jane. The point of my retweet was to stress that I have lived, worked, raised my family, served, worshipped and been deeply rooted in the 5th district my entire life.

"I did not see a racial overtone and was surprised when it was framed that way. The implication that I, as a Black person, would encourage a racist tweet is absurd. I find it hard to believe that anyone, acting in good faith, could interpret my re-tweet as stoking racial animus against another African American. That does not benefit me, my campaign or this district in any way. I do not participate in that kind of behavior and never have.

"I do however, understand perception, and if he was offended, that is good enough for me and I apologize."

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Ukraine

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have been seized on by the Kremlin as part of an effort to cast its invasion as a battle against Nazi influence in Ukraine. Russia said the Azov commander was taken from the plant in an armored vehicle.

Russian authorities have threatened to investigate some of the steel mill's defenders for war crimes and put them on trial, branding them as Nazis and criminals.

The steelworks had been the site of fierce fighting for weeks. The dwindling group of outgunned fighters had held out in the plant, drawing Russian airstrikes, artillery and tank fire, before their government ordered them to abandon its defense and save their lives.

The complete takeover of Mariupol gives Putin a badly needed military victory in the war he began Feb. 24, a conflict that was supposed to have been a lightning conquest for the Kremlin but instead has seen the failure to take the capital of Kyiv, a pullback of forces to refocus on eastern Ukraine, and the sinking of the flagship of Russia's Black Sea fleet.

Military analysts said Mariupol's capture at this point holds more symbolic importance than anything else, since the city was already effectively under Moscow's control.

In other developments Friday, the Group of Seven major economies and global financial institutions agreed to provide more money to bolster Ukraine's finances, bringing the total to $19.8 billion. President Joe Biden, who is in Asia, was expected to sign a $40 billion aid package to Ukraine and allies.

Meanwhile, fighting raged in the Donbas, the industrial heartland in eastern Ukraine that Putin desperately wants.

"The liberation of the Luhansk People's Republic is nearing completion," Shoigu declared, referring to the breakaway state proclaimed by pro-Moscow separatists in 2014 and recognized by the Kremlin.

Serhiy Haidai, the governor of Luhansk, said Russian forces were focused on the Lysychansk-Bakhmut highway, the only road for evacuating people and delivering humanitarian supplies.

"It's the only connection to other regions of the country," he said via email.

The Kremlin had sought control of Mariupol to complete a land corridor between Russia and the Crimean Peninsula, which it seized eight years ago, and free up troops to join the larger battle for the Donbas. The city's loss also deprives Ukraine of a vital seaport.

Mariupol endured some of the worst suffering of the war and became a worldwide symbol of defiance. An estimated 100,000 people remained out a prewar population of 450,000, many trapped without food, water, heat or electricity. Relentless bombardment left rows of shattered buildings.

A maternity hospital was hit with a lethal Russian airstrike on March 9, producing searing images of pregnant women being evacuated. A week later, about 300 people were reported killed in a bombing of a theater where civilians were taking shelter, although the death toll could be closer to 600.

Satellite images in April showed what appeared to be mass graves outside Mariupol, where local officials accused Russia of burying up to 9,000 civilians.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said this week that the evacuation of his forces from the miles of tunnels and bunkers beneath Azovstal was done to save the lives of the fighters.

"Ukraine needs Ukrainian heroes to be alive," Zelenskyy said.

As the end drew near at Azovstal, wives of fighters who held out told of what they feared would be their last contact with their husbands.

Olga Boiko, the wife of a marine, wiped away tears as she said that her husband had written her on Thursday: "Hello. We surrender, I don't know when I will get in touch with you and if I will at all. Love you. Kiss you. Bye."

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Biden pursues restoring ties in Asia

President to unveil framework for US, regional economies

By Zolan Kanno-Youngs and Peter Baker
The New York Times



President Joe Biden and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol, center, tour the Samsung Electronics semiconductor factory Friday in Pyeongtaek. Biden has started a five-day tour of South Korea and Japan. **KIM MIN-HEE/POOL PHOTO VIA AP**

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — When President Joe Biden arrived on his inaugural mission to Asia on Friday, the first place he headed from the airplane was not a government hall or embassy or even a military base, but a sprawling superconductor factory that represented the real battleground of a 21st-century struggle for influence in the region.

The choice of destination to begin a five-day trip to South Korea and Japan underscored the challenges of Biden's effort to rebuild U.S. ties to a region where longtime allies have grown uncertain about Washington's commitments amid anti-trade sentiment at home, while China has expanded its dominance in the economic arena.

The Democrat's visit to Asia came as polling released Friday by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found Biden's U.S. approval rating at 39%, the lowest of his presidency. The survey also found deepening pessimism about the economy and the state of the United States especially among Democrats.

About 2 in 10 U.S. adults said the country is headed in the right direction or described the economy as good, down from about 3 in 10 in April. Among Democrats, just 33% said the country is on the right track, down from 49% last month.

Biden's message was pitched toward the promise of a better global tomorrow, yet also aimed at U.S. voters amid political challenges at home such as inflation driven higher by the chip shortage as he tries to show his administration is delivering on the economy.

"So much of the future of the world is going to be written here, in the Indo Pacific, over the next several decades," Biden said at the factory where he was joined by new President Yoon Suk Yeol. "This is the moment, in my view, to invest in one another to deepen our business ties, to bring our people even closer together."

The president hopes to lure countries back into the U.S. orbit despite the decision by his predecessor, President Donald Trump, five years ago to abandon a far-reaching trade pact known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership — but not by rejoining the economic bloc, even though it was negotiated by the Obama administration that he served as vice president. Instead, Biden plans to offer a far less sweeping multinational economic structure that has some in the region skeptical about what it will add up to.

Biden will formally unveil the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework on Monday in Tokyo, bringing together many of the same countries from the trade partnership to coordinate policies on energy, supply chains and other issues, but without the market access or tariff reductions that powered the original partnership. Eager for U.S. leadership to counter China, a number of countries in the region plan to sign up and hail the new alignment but privately have expressed concern that it may be an empty exercise.

The framework is essentially "a new packaging of existing Biden administration priorities in this economic policy area," said Scott Snyder, director of U.S.-Korea policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. "And whether or not it really takes off depends on whether partners believe that there's enough there there to justify being engaged."

But even Biden's own ambassador to Japan, Rahm Emanuel, acknowledged the uncertainty in the region. Countries want to know, "What is it we are signing up for?" he told reporters in Tokyo on Friday. Is this an alternative to the Trans-Pacific Partnership? "Yes and no," he said.

The framework is not a traditional free trade agreement but instead an architecture for negotiation to address four major areas: supply chains, the digital economy, clean energy transformation and investments in infrastructure.

"When you hear some of the, 'Well, we don't quite know. We're not sure because it doesn't look like things have looked before,' I say, 'Just you wait,' " Jake Sullivan, the president's national security adviser, told reporters on Air Force One as it made its way across the Pacific. "Because I think this is going to be the new model of economic arrangement that will set the terms and rules of the road for trade and technology and supply chains for the 21st century."

Sullivan said there will be "a significant roster of countries" joining the framework when Biden kicks it off Monday, but administration officials have not identified them.

Japan, which has signaled it would rather the U.S. rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership, will nonetheless embrace the new framework, as will South Korea. Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines have indicated interest, while India and Indonesia have expressed reservations.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh of Vietnam said this month that it was still not clear what the new framework would mean in concrete terms. "We are ready to work alongside the U.S. to discuss, to further clarify what these pillars entail," he said at a forum held by the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The Associated Press contributed.

Furious comeback pulls S&P from bear market

Index posts slight gain after rally caps wild ride on Wall St.

By Damian J. Troise and Stan Choe
Associated Press



James Conti, a trader, works the floor Friday of New York Stock Exchange. The S&P 500 index was down 2.3% for the day before a late rally. **ALLIE JOSEPH/NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE**

NEW YORK — Wall Street rumbled to the edge of a bear market Friday after another drop for stocks briefly sent the S&P 500 more than 20% below its peak set early this year.

The S&P 500 index, which sits at the heart of most workers' 401(k) accounts, was down as much as 2.3% for the day before a furious comeback in the final hour of trading sent it to a tiny gain of less than 0.1%. It finished 18.7% below its record, set Jan. 3. The tumultuous trading capped a seventh consecutive losing week, its longest such streak since 2001.

Rising interest rates, high inflation, the war in Ukraine and a slowdown in China's economy are all punishing stocks and raising fears about a possible U.S. recession. Compounding worries is how the superhero that's flown to Wall Street's rescue in the most recent downturns, the Federal Reserve, looks less likely to help as it's stuck battling the worst inflation in decades.

The S&P 500 finished the day up 0.57 points at 3,901.36. The Dow Jones Industrial Average swung from an early loss of 617 points to close 8.77 higher or less than 0.1%, at 31,261.90. The Nasdaq composite trimmed a big loss to finish 33.88 points lower, or 0.3%, at 11,354.62.

Because the S&P 500 did not finish the day more than 20% below its record, the company in charge of the index says a bear market has not officially begun. The 20% threshold is an arbitrary number.

"Whether or not the S&P 500 closes in a bear market does not matter too much," said Brian Jacobsen, senior investment strategist at Allspring Global Investments. "A lot of pain has already been experienced."

Many tech stocks, seen as some of the most vulnerable to rising interest rates, have already fallen much more than 20% this year. That includes a 37.2% tumble for Tesla and 69.1% nosedive for Netflix.

It's a sharp turnaround from the powerful run Wall Street enjoyed after emerging from its last bear market in early 2020, at the start of the pandemic. Through it, the S&P 500 more than doubled, as a new generation of investors met seemingly every wobble with the rallying cry to "Buy the dip!"

"I think plenty of investors were scratching their heads and wondering why the market was rallying despite the pandemic," Jacobsen said. "Now that the pandemic has hopefully mostly passed, I think a lot of investors are kicking themselves for not having gotten out on signs that the economy was probably slowing and the Fed was making its policy pivot."

With inflation at its highest level in four decades, the Fed has aggressively flipped away from keeping interest rates super-low in order to support markets and the economy. Instead it's raising rates and making other moves in hopes of slowing the economy enough to tamp down inflation. The worry is if it goes too far or too quickly.

"Certainly the market volatility has all been driven by investor concerns that Fed will tighten policy too much and put the U.S. into a recession," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors.

Bond yields fell as recession worries pushed investors into Treasurys and other things seen as safer. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note, which helps set mortgage rates, fell to 2.78% from 2.85% late Thursday.

Inflation has been painfully high for months. But the market's worries swung higher after Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent prices spiraling further at grocery stores and gasoline pumps, because the region is a major source of energy and grains. The world's second-largest economy, meanwhile, has taken a hit as Chinese officials locked down key cities in hopes of halting COVID-19 cases. That's all compounded with some disappointing data on the U.S. economy, though the job market remains hot.

Adding pressure onto stocks have been signs that corporate profits are slowing and may finally be getting hurt by inflation. That means the pain has widened beyond tech and high-growth stocks to encompass more of Wall Street.

Retail giants Target and Walmart both released earnings reports this week that indicated warnings about inflation cutting into finances.

"The latest earnings from retail companies finally signaled that U.S. consumers and businesses are being negatively impacted by inflation," Arone said.

Much of Wall Street's bull market since early 2020 was the result of buying by regular investors, many of whom started trading for the first time during the pandemic. Alongside many cryptocurrencies, they helped drive darlings like Tesla's stock higher.



A private funeral for Heyward Patterson was held Friday in Buffalo, New York. **GABRIELA BHASKAR/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Funerals begin for Buffalo massacre victims

By Aaron Morrison
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The first of several funerals for 10 Black people massacred at a Buffalo supermarket was held Friday, one day after victims' families called on the nation to confront the threat of white supremacist violence.

A private funeral service Friday morning for Heyward Patterson, a beloved deacon at a church not far from Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo's Black community, was closed to the media at his family's request.

Patterson, 67, offered an informal taxi service to help people get home from the market with their grocery bags. Pastor Russell Bell of State Tabernacle Church of God in Christ said Patterson had been assisting someone with their groceries when he was shot and killed May 14.

Tirzah Patterson, the deacon's ex-wife and mother of their 12-year-old son, described Heyward Patterson as a good father.

"He took care of him. Anything he asked for, he got it," she said in a Thursday news conference with civil rights leader the Rev. Al Sharpton and family attorney Ben Crump.

Jaques "Jake" Patterson, the deacon's son, bared his grief at the news conference, covering his face with his hands as his mother spoke.

"His heart is broken," Jake's mother said, adding that her son was having trouble sleeping and eating.

There was also a wake Friday afternoon for Roberta Drury, the youngest of the people slain at the Buffalo market. The 32-year-old had walked to Tops to pick up groceries, said her mother, Dezzelynn McDuffie, with whom Drury had recently returned home to live.

Drury's funeral service will be Saturday at Assumption Church in Syracuse, 150 miles east of Buffalo. Her family has also requested that the service be closed.

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Oft-followed path leads to Buffalo

Law enforcement's challenge is stopping the self-radicalized

By Eric Tucker, Michael Kunzelman and Amanda Seitz
Associated Press



People attend a vigil Tuesday in Buffalo, N.Y., to remember 10 Black people killed last week at a market. **SCOTT OLSON/GETTY**

The 18-year-old accused of being the gunman in a deadly racist rampage at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket seems to fit an all-too-familiar profile: an aggrieved white man steeped in hate-filled conspiracies online, and inspired by other extremist massacres.

Payton Gendron of Conklin, New York, appears to have been driven to action roughly two years from when his radical indoctrination began, showing just how quickly and easily murderous assaults can be spawned on the internet. No tactical training or organizational help required.

While law enforcement officials have grown adept since the Sept. 11 attacks at disrupting well-organized plots, they face a much tougher challenge in intercepting self-radicalized young men who absorb racist screeds on social media and plot violence on their own.

"You just go and you pick your ideology — and then, if you have a weapon, you don't need a big plan," said Christopher Costa, former senior director for counterterrorism in the Trump administration's National Security Council. "What's changed is the internet."

Gendron is accused of fatally shooting 10 Black people and could face federal hate crime charges. He purportedly left behind a 180-page diatribe in which he said the rampage was intended to terrorize nonwhite people and get them to leave the country. It parrots ideas left behind by other white killers whose massacres he had extensively researched online.

The evidence so far underscores the evolving threat facing law enforcement.

In the first years after the Sept. 11 attacks, U.S. officials were preoccupied by the possibility of organized terror cells mobilizing followers to launch fresh assaults. They later worried about the possibility of self-radicalized Islamic jihadists acting on their own.

Now, white supremacists have emerged as a front-and-center focus. FBI Director Christopher Wray last year described the domestic terrorism threat as "metastasizing." White racially motivated extremists have been responsible for most of the deadliest attacks on U.S. soil in the last five years, including a 2018 shooting inside a Pittsburgh synagogue where 11 died and a rampage the following year in which a gunman targeting Hispanics inside a Texas Walmart killed 23 people.

An unclassified report from the U.S. intelligence community last year warned that violent extremists motivated by political grievances and racial hatred pose an "elevated" threat to the country.

The White House in March said its latest budget provided the FBI with an increase of $33 million for domestic terrorism investigations. In 2019, the FBI brought together agents who specialize in hate crime investigations with those focused on acts of domestic terrorism.

Federal authorities have in recent years prosecuted members of white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups, including Atomwaffen Division and The Base. These organizations have embraced a fringe philosophy known as "accelerationism," which promotes mass violence to fuel society's collapse, spark a race war or overthrow the government.

Those defendants' paths to digital indoctrination in some ways appear to mirror that of Gendron. The racist screed that has been attributed to him advanced ideas from the "great replacement" theory — a baseless conspiracy that says there's a plot to diminish the influence of white people — and chronicles his own experiences navigating dark corners of the internet.

A generation ago, indoctrination into extremist groups involved face to face meetings and swapping books, and as a result harmful ideologies weren't as likely to spread as quickly as they can today, said Shannon Foley Martinez, a reformed extremist who mentors people trying to leave supremacist groups.

"When I go and talk to middle and high school and university students and I ask them who has seen racist or antisemitic comments or content online, 100% of the hands go up," said Martinez, who cut ties with extremists 28 years ago.

There's long been debate within the criminal justice system about the ability to rehabilitate racially or ethnically motivated extremists, or create so-called off-ramps, for them before they commit violence. Once charged, several defendants have sought to renounce their ideologies, pointing to factors in their own lives that they said had warped their judgment and led to a poisoned set of beliefs.

After the Justice Department in 2020 charged four Atomwaffen members in Seattle in a campaign to intimidate journalists and others with threatening posters at their homes, defense attorneys sought to play up the similarities of their clients' backgrounds and radicalization path: They were bullied, friendless, ostracized; craving a community, they found each other on the internet.

Cameron Shea was addicted to opiates and living in his car when he found Atomwaffen.

"I was lost, sad, and (at the risk of sounding dramatic) angry at the world," he wrote in a letter addressed to the judge who sentenced him to three years in prison. "Choosing to lash out and feel angry at everything was easier than addressing the sadness and sense of displacement beneath it all."

The Atomwaffen defendants either pleaded guilty or were convicted by a jury. All four were sentenced to prison terms or time served.

Gendron's online wanderings may have been a more solo endeavor. However, the statement he apparently posted online indicates he drew inspiration from other racist rampages, like the one by a white man who killed 51 people at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2019.

In the document, Gendron said he was experiencing "extreme boredom" as the COVID-19 pandemic progressed, and that in May 2020 he began browsing 4chan, a lawless messaging board that is popular for anonymous — and often violent or misleading — posts. Gendron said he first browsed the site's gun messaging board.

Soon enough, he had stumbled upon neo-Nazi websites posted to the site and, then, a copy of the livestream video of the New Zealand mosque shootings.

"This document demonstrates a very clear trajectory from radicalization online to domestic terrorism and extremism," said Sophie Bjork-James, an assistant professor at Vanderbilt University who researches the white nationalist movement and hate crimes.

Gendron shared screenshots of memes and conservative news headlines that helped him formulate extreme beliefs in the document.

NEWS BRIEFING

Trump pays $110,000 fine to NY AG's office over subpoenaed files

From news services

NEW YORK — Former President Donald Trump has paid the $110,000 in fines he racked up after being held in contempt of court for being slow to respond to a civil subpoena issued by New York's attorney general.

Trump paid the fine Thursday but must still submit additional paperwork in order to have the contempt order lifted, the office of Attorney General Letitia James said Friday.

A Manhattan judge declared Trump in contempt of court April 25 and fined him $10,000 per day for not complying with a subpoena in James' long-running investigation into his business practices.

Judge Arthur Engoron agreed May 11 to lift the contempt order if, by Friday, Trump paid the fines and submitted affidavits detailing efforts to search for the subpoenaed records and explaining his and his company's document retention policies.

Engoron also required a company hired by Trump to aid in the search, HaystackID, finish going through 17 boxes kept in off-site storage, and for that company to report its findings and turn over any relevant documents. That process was completed Thursday, James' office said.

Engoron told Trump to pay the money directly to James' office and for the attorney general to hold the money in an escrow account while Trump's legal team appeals the judge's original contempt finding.

Engoron stopped the fine from accruing May 6, when Trump's lawyers submitted 66 pages of court documents detailing the efforts by him and his lawyers to locate the subpoenaed records. He warned that he could reinstate it, retroactive to May 7, if his conditions weren't met.

James, a Democrat, has said her three-year investigation uncovered evidence that Trump's company, the Trump Organization, misstated the value of assets on financial statements for over a decade.

Trump denies the allegations. He has called James' investigation "racist" and a politically motivated "witch hunt." James is Black.

Trump is also suing James in federal court, seeking to shut down her probe.

Asylum ruling: Pandemic-related restrictions on migrants seeking asylum on the southern border must continue, a judge ruled Friday in an order blocking the Biden administration's plan to lift them early next week.

The ruling is just the latest instance of a court derailing the president's proposed immigration policies along the U.S. border with Mexico.

While the administration can appeal, the ruling sharply increases the odds that restrictions will not end as planned Monday.

Migrants have been expelled more than 1.9 million times since March 2020 under Title 42, a public health provision that denies them a chance to request asylum under U.S. law and international treaty on grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

U.S. District Judge Robert Summerhays in Lafayette, Louisiana, ordered that the restrictions stay in place while a lawsuit led by Arizona and Louisiana — and now joined by 22 other states — plays out in court.

Americas summit: President Joe Biden is considering inviting a Cuban representative to the Summit of the Americas, a U.S. official said Friday, as his administration tries to salvage an event that risks collapsing over disagreements about the guest list.

It's unclear if Cuba would accept the invitation, the U.S. official said, which would be extended to someone in the foreign ministry to join as an observer — but not the foreign minister himself, and not as a full participant.

The Summit of the Americas involves countries across the Americas, from Canada to Chile. It is scheduled to begin June 6 in Los Angeles.

But the planning has been marred by confusion, with key leaders such as Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador threatening to skip because Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua weren't expected to be invited.

US terror blacklist: The United States has removed five extremist groups, all believed to be defunct, from its list of foreign terrorist organizations. In notices published in the Federal Register on Friday, the State Department said it had removed the groups after a mandatory five-year review of their designations.

Al-Qaida, which was also up for review, was kept on the list, which was created under the federal Immigration and Nationality Act, or INA.

The organizations removed are the Basque separatist group ETA, the Japanese cult Aum Shinrikyo, the radical Jewish group Kahane Kach and two Islamic groups that have been active in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Egypt.

Puerto Rico statehood: A group of mostly Democratic congress members, including House Majority Leader Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, on Thursday proposed a binding plebiscite to decide whether Puerto Rico should become a state or gain some sort of independence.

The draft proposal unveiled at an online news conference would commit Congress to accepting Puerto Rico into the United States if voters on the island approve it. But even if the plan were to pass the Democratic-led House, the proposal appears to have little chance in the Senate, where Republicans have long opposed statehood.

Voters also could choose independence or independence with free association, whose terms would be defined following negotiations over foreign affairs, U.S. citizenship and use of the U.S. dollar, said Rep. Darren Soto of Florida.

The measure, not yet introduced, follows months of negotiations between federal lawmakers who have long disagreed on what Puerto Rico's political status should be.

Avenatti apology: Convicted California lawyer Michael Avenatti, 51, wants leniency at sentencing for defrauding former client Stormy Daniels of hundreds of thousands of dollars, his lawyers say, citing a letter in which he told Daniels: "I am truly sorry."

The emailed letter, dated May 13, was included in a submission his lawyers made late Thursday in Manhattan federal court in advance of a June 2 sentencing.

Last year, Avenatti was sentenced to 2 ½ years in prison for trying to extort up to $25 million from Nike by threatening to tarnish its reputation with claims that the sportswear giant was immersed in a college basketball recruiting scandal in which cash payouts were used to steer top-tier athletes to the best programs. Then he was convicted by a jury this year for pocketing up to $300,000 of an $800,000 payout to Daniels for her autobiography, spending some money on his firm's payroll and personal expenses.


Fire aftermath in Philippines: A woman on Friday searches for nails and other scrap metal from what's left of burned homes that were gutted during a fire at a bayside village in the district of Tondo in Manila. Investigators said about 300 families are now homeless after the fire Thursday night. The cause of the fire has not been determined, authorities said. **AARON FAVILA/AP**

BUSINESS

‘Glitch’ in the Affordable Care Act may be repaired

Biden has proposed a regulation that revises interpretation of tax credit rules

By Ann Carrns
The New York Times

A “family glitch” in health insurance under the Affordable Care Act has meant a costly loophole for many Americans.

The glitch refers to federal rules that make it hard for relatives of people with job-based health insurance to qualify for financial help in buying more affordable coverage on government marketplaces.

The Biden administration has proposed fixing the problem with a regulation that revises an interpretation of the rules for tax credits under the act, also known as “Obamacare.” If the change is finalized, hundreds of thousands of people — mostly children of lower-income families and women — could become eligible for more affordable coverage.

“These folks have been left out,” said Katie Keith, director of the Health Policy and the Law Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center.

Affected families would save an average of $400 per person a year on health insurance premiums once the glitch is fixed, and low-income families would save even more, the Urban Institute estimates.

What is the glitch? If a family member can get affordable individual health coverage through a job — even if the cost of covering the worker’s dependents is too steep — the rest of the family generally cannot qualify for tax credits to help buy lower-cost insurance on the federal website healthcare.gov or the state insurance marketplaces.

A workplace plan is considered “affordable” if the premium for covering just the employee — not a spouse or children — is less than about 10% of the family’s income. Family premiums, however, are typically higher and may exceed that threshold.

The problem is that the affordability test does not take into account the cost of insuring the whole family. “It only considers coverage for the actual employee,” said Jodi Ray, director with Florida Covering Kids & Families, an initiative at the University of South Florida College of Public Health that works to enroll uninsured people in affordable health coverage. “It really disadvantages people.”

The average premium paid by a covered worker for single coverage in 2021 was $108 a month, compared with $497 for family coverage, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The glitch means that families end up paying higher and less affordable premiums for the job-based health insurance — or skipping coverage altogether.

About 90% of people affected by the glitch are buying coverage deemed unaffordable, according to the Urban Institute’s analysis. In other words, while most people affected by the glitch enroll in coverage rather than going uninsured, “they’re paying through the nose,” Keith said.

If the glitch is fixed, the cost of job-based coverage would need to be considered affordable for the entire family. If the coverage was not affordable, the rest of the family — other than the covered employee — would then qualify to shop on the exchanges, using tax credits to reduce their premiums.



Yvonne King, left, hands out food to community members Tuesday near a Tops Friendly Market in Buffalo, New York. **JOSHUA BESSEX/AP**

Mourning for Buffalo market

Deadly shooting rampage also exposes racial, economic divide in Black neighborhood

By Pia Sarkar and Noreen Nasir
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Tops Friendly Market was more than a place to buy groceries. As the only supermarket for miles, it became a sort of community hub on Buffalo’s East Side — where you chatted with neighbors and caught up on people’s lives.

“It’s where we go to buy bread and stay for 15, 20 minutes because ... you’re going to find four or five people you know, we’re going to have a couple of conversations before you leave,” said Buffalo City Councilman Ulysees Wingo, who represents the struggling Black neighborhood where he grew up. “You just feel good because this is your store.”

Now residents are grieving the deaths of 10 Black people killed during a shooting rampage in the crowded supermarket last Saturday.

They’re also grappling with being targeted in a place that has been so vital to the community. Before Tops opened on the East Side in 2003, residents had to travel to other communities to buy nutritious food or settle for snacks and higher-priced staples from corner stores and gas stations.

The fact that there are no other options lays bare the racial and economic divide that existed in Buffalo long before the shooting.

“People talked about the demographics, the income levels, the crime and other factors,” Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown said. “I felt that the money here was as green as the money anywhere, that there was a lot of money to be spent in this community and there were needs to be served.”

Tops said Wednesday its store remains under active police investigation. Once that’s done, “we will have a team assess next steps with the intention of rebuilding and repairing the store for the community in as short a period of time as possible,” it said.

In the meantime, Tops and others are working to make sure residents don’t go without.

A makeshift food bank was set up not far from the supermarket. The Buffalo Community Fridge received so much in monetary donations that it will distribute some funds to other local organizations. Tops also arranged for a bus to shuttle East Side residents to and from another of its Buffalo locations.

After decades of neglect and decline, only a handful of stores remain along Jefferson Avenue, the East Side’s once-thriving main drag, among them a Family Dollar, a deli, a liquor store and a couple of convenience stores, as well as a library and Black-run businesses.

Jillian Hanesworth, 29, who was born and raised there, said construction of an expressway contributed to cutting off the neighborhood, with drivers passing underground without ever having to see it.

Like many residents, she pauses to think when asked where the next-closest major grocery is located: None is within walking distance, and it takes three different buses to get to the Price Rite.

Before Tops opened on the East Side, residents, lawmakers and other advocates pushed for years for a supermarket after groceries and other stores closed in the neighborhood’s Central Park Plaza, Wingo said.

Hanesworth worries that when Tops reopens, “it’s not going to feel like ours anymore.”

“And we fought so long for something to feel like ours. And Black communities across the country have been fighting so long just to feel like something belongs to us, like something is safe for us,” she said.

Musk denies allegation of sexual misconduct

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tesla CEO Elon Musk has denied a claim of sexual misconduct by a flight attendant contracted by SpaceX who worked on his private jet in 2016.

A report by Business Insider said SpaceX paid the woman $250,000 in severance in 2018 in exchange for her agreeing not to file a lawsuit over her claim.

The Business Insider report was based on an account by the flight attendant’s friend, who said the flight attendant told her about the incident shortly after it happened. The report also said the flight attendant was required to sign a non-disclosure agreement that prohibits her from discussing the payment or anything else about Musk and SpaceX.

Musk, who is in the process of buying Twitter, used the platform to respond to the allegation.

“And, for the record, those wild accusations are utterly untrue,” he wrote in response to one user who tweeted in support of him.

He replied to another: “In my 30 year career, including the entire MeToo era, there’s nothing to report, but, as soon as I say I intend to restore free speech to Twitter & vote Republican, suddenly there is.”

He also made light of the accusation, quoting a tweet of his own from 2021 in which he said if there was ever a scandal about him, it should be called “Elongate.”

“Finally, we get to use Elongate as scandal name. It’s kinda perfect,” he tweeted Friday.

According to the report, the flight attendant, who had trained as a masseuse so she could give Musk massages, said Musk exposed himself to her during a massage, rubbed her leg, and offered to buy her a horse in exchange for an erotic massage.

Several hours before the Business Insider report was published, Musk tweeted that he had previously voted for Democrats but would now vote for Republicans and suggested that the left would launch a “dirty tricks campaign” against him.

Musk has offered to buy Twitter for $44 billion, but said the deal can’t go forward until the company provides information about how many accounts are spam or bots.

Russia cuts Finland’s access to natural gas

By Jan M. Olsen
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Russia will cut off natural gas to Finland after the Nordic country, which applied for NATO membership this week, refused President Vladimir Putin’s demand to pay in rubles, the Finnish state-owned energy company said Friday, the latest escalation over European energy amid the war in Ukraine.

Finland is the latest country to lose the energy supply, which is used to generate electricity and power industry, after rejecting Russia’s decree. Poland and Bulgaria were cut off late last month but, along with Finland, were relatively minor customers who had prepared to move away from Russian natural gas.

Putin has declared that “unfriendly foreign buyers” open two accounts in state-owned Gazprombank, one to pay in euros and dollars as specified in contracts and another in rubles. Italian energy company Eni said this week that it was “starting procedures” to open a euro and a ruble account.

The European Commission, the European Union’s executive arm, has said the system does not violate EU sanctions if countries make a payment in the currency listed in their contracts and then formally signal that the payment process is concluded. But it says opening a second account in rubles would breach sanctions.

Analysts say the EU stance is ambiguous enough to allow the Kremlin to keep trying to undermine unity among the 27 member countries — but losing major European customers like Italy and Germany would cost Russia heavily. It comes as Europe tries to reduce its dependency on Russian oil and gas to avoid pouring hundreds of millions into Putin’s war chest each day but build enough reserves before winter.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US putting $3.5B into climate tech

NEW YORK — The federal government is investing in machines that suck giant amounts of carbon dioxide out of the air in the hopes of reducing damage from climate change.

The Department of Energy said Thursday that it will release $3.5 billion to groups developing direct air capture and other technologies that remove carbon dioxide.

The gas, when released into the atmosphere, causes global warming.

Climate scientists say humans have already allowed too much carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to prevent dangerous rises in global temperatures.

The scientists also say on top of curbing emissions, carbon dioxide that’s already been released also must be removed.

Netflix settles tax dispute for $59M

MILAN — Netflix has agreed to pay more than $59 million to settle a tax dispute, Milan prosecutors said Friday.

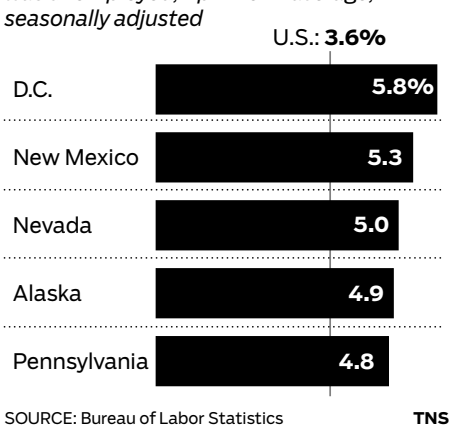
The payment covers taxes, penalties and interest from October 2015 through 2019. The streaming service also established an Italian legal entity this year, which will determine its Italian tax burden based on subscriptions to Italian residents, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors in Milan said the investigation was triggered by the physical presence in Italy of technological infrastructure, including 350 servers, aimed at producing revenue.

In a statement, Netflix said it cooperated throughout the investigation and welcomed the settlement that ends the tax case.

States with the highest unemployment

Percentage of civilian labor force that was unemployed, April 2022 average, seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics TNS

BUSINESS



A fishing boat passes wind turbines on the North Sea coast of Germany. Four European Union countries plan to boost offshore wind capacity tenfold by 2050. **MARTIN MEISSNER/AP 2019**

4 EU nations plan North Sea wind farms for energy shift

By Jan M. Olsen
Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Four European Union countries plan to speed up the continent's green transition and help wean it off Russian energy imports through a large new project to build wind farms in the North Sea, Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has announced.

She said her country, together with Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany, "want to increase our total offshore wind capacity fourfold by 2030 and tenfold by 2050." The plan is to provide energy to 230 million European households.

"(This) means that we are able, the four of us, to deliver more than half of all offshore wind needed to reach climate neutrality in the European Union," Frederiksen added.

She spoke Wednesday at an event in Denmark attended by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo, and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

Scholz said the scale of the project "will be of an unimaginable order."

"The North Sea is the place where, with the offshore wind parks, we can produce electricity on a large scale, in the large quantities we need — and can already do today in a way that it is economical," he said.

The new wind farms will be built along the four countries' North Sea coasts.

Frederiksen said the project would help address the challenges posed by Russia's war against Ukraine and climate change, both which, she said, "affect the European economy and the safety of our peoples."

Von der Leyen, who earlier in the day presented an EU-wide energy package in Brussels, said the war in Ukraine "highlights the risks we have taken to be too dependent on Russian fossil fuels."

The four countries pledged to set "ambitious combined targets for offshore wind of at least 65 GW by 2030," their energy and climate ministers said in a statement. It said they also aim to "more than double our total 2030-capacity of offshore wind to at least 150 GW by 2050."

This, they said, would deliver more than half the capacity needed for the EU to reach climate neutrality.

"We are taking our ambition to yet another level to make sure that we become independent from Russian fossil fuels as quickly as possible," von der Leyen said in Brussels when announcing the package, dubbed REPowerEU.

The EU has pledged to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 55% compared with 1990 levels by 2030, and to get to net zero emissions by 2050.

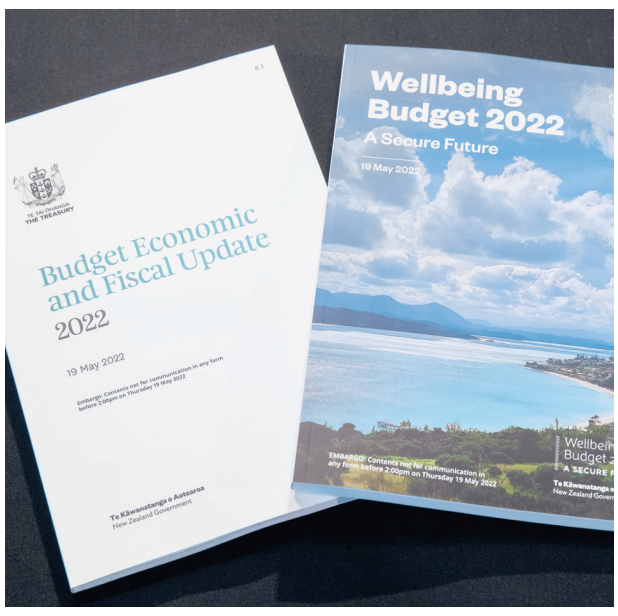
The European Commission has set an overall target of generating 300 gigawatts of offshore energy by 2050.

Along with climate change, the war in Ukraine has made EU nations eager to reduce their dependence on Russian natural gas and oil. In 2021, the EU imported roughly 40% of its gas and 25% of its oil from Russia.

At a March 11 summit, EU leaders agreed in principle to phase out Russian gas, oil and coal imports by 2027.

To weather 'inflation storm,' New Zealand dispenses cash

By Nick Perry
Associated Press



New Zealand's 2022 budget includes inflation payments of a few hundred dollars to more than 2 million lower-income adults beginning in August. **MARK MITCHELL/NZ HERALD**

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — New Zealand's government said Thursday it will hand out an extra few hundred dollars to more than 2 million lower-income adults to help them navigate what it describes as "the peak of the global inflation storm."

The payments are part of a package of new measures announced in the government's annual budget. Other plans include increasing health spending by a record amount, putting more money into reducing greenhouse gas emissions and boosting defense spending.

A report by the Treasury Ministry painted a rosy picture of the nation's economy through next year but warned growth would slow markedly from 2024 due to rising interest rates, a reduction in the government's pandemic spending, and supply issues made worse by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

A Treasury report forecast unemployment would hit a low of 3.1% this year before rising to 4.7% by 2026. It predicted inflation would fall from its current 30-year high of 6.9% to 2.2% over the next four years.

The inflation payments of 350 New Zealand dollars, or about $220, over three months begin in August and are targeted at the half of all adults who earn less than the equivalent of $44,000 per year.

The government also decided to extend some other temporary measures aimed at combating higher living costs, including a cut to gas taxes and half-price public transportation fares.

"Our economy has come through the COVID-19 shock better than almost anywhere else in the world," said Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern in a statement. "But as the pandemic subsides, other challenges both long-term and more immediate have come to the fore."

Ardern has been isolating at her Wellington residence this week after catching COVID-19. Her office said she'd experienced moderate symptoms and was improving, and at this point still planned to travel to the U.S. next week for a trade trip and to give the commencement address at Harvard University.

The record $1.1 billion boost to health spending next year comes as New Zealand overhauls its publicly funded system by getting rid of a patchwork of 20 district health authorities in favor of a single system. The extra money will help pay off the debts of the district authorities, rebuild three hospitals and boost medicine spending.

"This is going to make a massive difference to every New Zealander, in terms of the health care that they get," Finance Minister Grant Robertson said.

Treasury predicted the government's books would return to the black by 2025 after it borrowed heavily during the pandemic. New Zealand's net government debt is forecast to remain much lower than in most developed nations, peaking at 20% of GDP in 2024 before dropping to 15% two years later.

Earlier this week, the government announced a new initiative to help pay for lower-income families to scrap their old gasoline-burning vehicles and replace them with cleaner hybrid or electric cars as part of a sweeping plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The budget plan also included a boost of $415 million to defense spending over four years to cover the cost of depreciating assets.

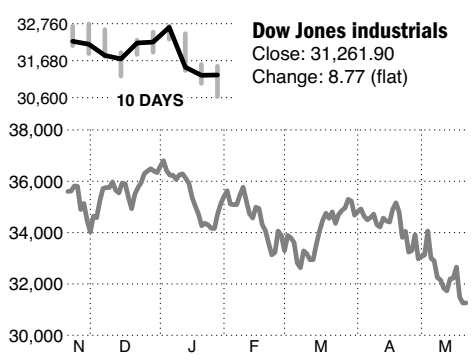
Conservative opposition leader Christopher Luxon said the governing liberal Labor Party had an addiction to spending and the budget plans would put the economy into reverse, with New Zealanders experiencing the worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation.

The budget plan was expected to be quickly approved by lawmakers since the Labor Party holds a majority of seats in the Parliament.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Saturday, May 21, 2022

DOW 31,261.90 +8.77 ▲
10-YR T-BOND 2.77% -.08 ▼
GOLD $1,841.80 +.60 ▲



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 31,261.90
Change: 8.77 (flat)

Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	31,261.90	+8.77	-13.97%
DOW Trans.	13,490.97	+51.76	-18.13%
DOW Util.	990.86	+1.46	+1.03%
NYSE Comp.	15,080.98	+45.11	-12.14%
Nasdaq Comp.	11,354.62	-33.88	-27.42%
S&P 500	3,901.36	+.57	-18.14%
S&P 400	2,384.81	-6.53	-16.09%
Wilshire 5000	38,831.65	-9.08	-19.87%
Russell 2000	1,773.27	-2.95	-21.02%

Commodities

FUELS	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	113.23	112.21	+50.55%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	8.08	8.31	+116.70%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.84	3.83	+72.19%
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PREV.**	**YTD**
Gold (oz)	1,841.80	1,841.20	+.78%
Silver (oz)	21.67	21.90	-7.11%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. $	U.S. $ in ForEx
Britain	1.2472	.8018
Canada	.7782	1.2851
China	.1494	6.6930
Euro	1.0546	.9482
Japan	.007823	127.83
Mexico	.050265	19.8948

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	4.00	4.00
3-mo. T-Bill	1.03	1.03
6-mo. T-Bill	1.49	1.45
5-yr T-Note	2.80	2.89
10-yr T-Note	2.77	2.94
30-yr T-Bond	2.99	3.11

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	13,981.91	+99.61	+.72%	-11.98%
London	7,389.98	+87.24	+1.19%	+.07%
Hong Kong	20,717.24	+596.56	+2.96%	-11.46%
Nikkei	26,739.03	+336.19	+1.27%	-7.13%

Stocks of Local Interest

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	12.03	-1.05	-55.8
AT&T Inc (T)	20.40	+.19	-17.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	93.50	-3.17	-35.0
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.26	-.49	-9.5
Amphenol Corp (APH)	68.43	+.84	-21.8
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NLY)	6.32	+.05	-19.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	137.59	+.24	-22.5
Athersys Inc (ATHX)	.26	-.50	-71.1
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.62	+.55	-4.5
Bank of America (BAC)	33.86	-.59	-23.9
Barnes Group (B)	33.60	-.39	-27.9
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2115.90	+12.50	-11.8
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	76.19	+.23	+22.2
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	94.93	+1.79	-8.0
Carnival Corp (CCL)	13.13	-.45	-34.7
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	37.96	+.55	-30.0
Charter Communic (CHTR)	479.03	+4.46	-26.5
Cigna Corp (CI)	259.49	+2.61	+13.0
Cisco Syst (CSCO)	42.94	+1.22	-32.2
Citigroup (C)	49.75	-.03	-17.6
CocaCola Co (KO)	60.98	+.98	+3.0
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	42.01	-.01	-16.5
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	1.50	-.11	-69.9
Disney (DIS)	102.42	-.72	-33.9
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	102.52	+.34	-19.5
Ethan Allen (ETD)	21.78	-.42	-17.2
Eversource Energy (ES)	90.37	+.93	-.7
Exicure Inc (XCUR)	.14	+.02	-28.2
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	91.86	+.72	+50.1
Ford Motor (F)	12.50	-.35	-39.8
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	3.70	-.02	-28.8
Gen Dynamics (GD)	213.50	-4.28	+2.4
Gen Electric (GE)	75.25	-.49	-20.3
Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)	3.21	+.07	-55.0
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	66.79	-.65	-3.3
Honeywell Intl (HON)	189.75	-2.90	-9.0
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	11.80	+.02	-25.9
Immix Biopharma Inc (IMMX)	2.12	+.49	-40.4
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	.43	-.03	-80.1
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	18.70	+.07	-26.1
Intel Corp (INTC)	41.65	-.36	-19.1
Kaman (KAMN)	32.92	-.72	-23.7
Keycorp (KEY)	18.32	-.04	-20.8
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	52.68	-.03	-22.8
M&T Bank (MTB)	162.73	-.16	+6.0

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	34.37	+.72	-23.4
Meta Platforms Inc (FB)	193.54	+2.25	-42.5
MetLife Inc (MET)	62.05	-.34	-.7
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	252.56	-.58	-24.9
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.10	+.08	-79.0
Novartis AG (NVS)	89.42	+.77	+2.2
Nu Holdings Ltd (NU)	3.81	-.52	-59.4
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	166.94	-4.30	-43.2
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	73.44	+.85	-15.7
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	8.08	-.23	-55.6
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	52.47	+1.82	-11.1
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.53	-.05	-31.7
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	98.70	-.88	-8.8
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	67.55	-.12	+1.2
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	90.08	-.17	+4.7
Redbox Entertainmnt (RDBX)	5.32	+1.52	-28.2
Rogers Corp (ROG)	259.33	+2.60	-5.0
Ross Stores (ROST)	71.87	-20.83	-37.1
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	31.60	-2.75	-69.4
SIGA Technologies (SIGA)	12.40	+3.75	+64.9
SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)	62.06	+2.06	-24.3
Snap Inc A (SNAP)	23.26	+.06	-50.5
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	7.49	-.26	-52.6
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.09	+.17	+52.1
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	116.35	+.30	-38.3
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.62	-.24	-6.9
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.42	-.02	-28.0
Terex Corp (TEX)	31.69	-.70	-27.9
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	663.90	-45.52	-37.2
Travelers Cos (TRV)	168.24	-1.06	+7.5
Uber Technologies (UBER)	23.35	+.11	-44.3
United Rentals (URI)	269.92	-2.69	-18.8
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	485.73	+7.18	-3.3
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	183.55	+6.11	-38.2
Voya Financial (VOYA)	62.96	-.64	-5.1
Webster Financial (WBS)	45.88	+.35	-17.8
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	41.67	-.33	-13.2
White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1182.77	-.47	+16.7
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	60.91	+.59	+23.4
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	49.63	+.36	-35.9
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	17.18	-.06	-24.1
Zynga Inc (ZNGA)	8.18	-.17	+27.8



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OPINION

OP-ED

Need is desperate for a stable naloxone supply

By William Eger and Francesca Maviglia



Naloxone, under the brand name Narcan, is an antidote to reverse opioid overdoses. Despite its effectiveness the availability of naloxone has not met the level of need. **MATT ROURKE/AP**

"Can I get some Narcan?" asked a regular client at one of Connecticut's largest syringe services programs last week.

"No, we're out," I said as I watched them walk out for what could be the last time.

This seems like a reasonable request, given that the United States is in the midst of one of the most volatile opioid epidemics globally, with over 100,000 deaths across the country in 2020. That is the equivalent of a Boeing 737-400 crashing every day for a year.

Naloxone, under the brand name Narcan, is a lifesaving antidote to reverse overdoses. The rise in overdose deaths is driven by an influx of powerful synthetic opioids like fentanyl into the drug supply.

Naloxone works by blocking receptors on the brain so opioids cannot attach and cause nervous-system depression, which leads to hypoxia (lack of oxygen) and death. Across Connecticut naloxone distribution is becoming increasingly important as the overdose crisis makes substantial shifts into urban communities.

Despite its effectiveness the availability of naloxone has not met the level of need. The Connecticut Department of Public Health and SSPs around the state have been out of naloxone for three weeks. Though some SSPs have made informal arrangements to get supplemental supplies of naloxone from pharmacies and private partnerships, these week-by-week agreements are not sustainable. In the absence of naloxone in SSPs and their surrounding communities, we run the risk of heightening the overdose crisis in Connecticut.

The scale-up of SSPs in the U.S. has been severely limited; only 39 states have laws explicitly authorizing their use. Even after decades of evidence that show SSPs are a cost-effective strategy for decreasing the risks of drug use, including infectious diseases and overdose, the locations that need them most have disregarded their benefits for primarily political reasons.

In this country we have disinvested in public health, as shown by the failures we've seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. This has led to an overall lack of funding for harm-reduction services, which includes SSPs and community-based naloxone distribution.

Though the Biden administration has made a small stride toward providing funding to address the overdose crisis, his platform still largely relies on the failed methods of the War on Drugs, while only a small fraction of the 2023 budget is dedicated to harm-reduction services.

As a result naloxone distribution within SSPs remains challenging. In many states only individuals at risk of overdose can receive a prescription for naloxone; however, we know this does not work systematically. Getting naloxone into drug users' social networks is one essential step toward ending the overdose crisis.

We need to flood the community with naloxone to ensure people at risk for overdose will be able to be revived if they begin to overdose. Integrating naloxone distribution into SSPs is necessary to decrease the number of deaths caused by overdose.

Connecticut is one of seven states that permits community organizations, such as SSPs, to distribute naloxone. Yet the funding necessary to sustain these lifesaving programs is insufficient.

In 2021 alone, one SSP in New Haven gave 374 naloxone kits (with two doses in each kit) and many more overdose education sessions to its hundreds of clients, but unsurprisingly its budget does not speak to its success. Despite being affiliated with Yale University, funding is scarce for the SSP in New Haven. Like many others throughout the state, the program operates almost exclusively with money from the DPH and one-off grants, which is simply not enough.

For example, of the total 2020 budget of the DPH, needle and syringe exchange programs received only $450,000, a fraction of a percent of the overall DPH budget. Though this number shows the gross underfunding of SSPs, the debate here is not whether another vital program should have money shifted from it. Like many other health departments, the Connecticut DPH is underfunded and overwhelmed.

We need a change in how these programs are prioritized and funded. Funding needs to meet demand.

Data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in 2020 found that 40.3 million people aged 12 or older had a substance-use disorder in the past year. As it stands, SSPs throughout Connecticut regularly run low on clean syringes and naloxone.

Having sustainable funding that can meet the daily needs of our communities is essential for the future operation and success of SSPs. In Yale's case, not only does the New Haven SSP provide lifesaving services to its community, but the program has had substantial benefits for the university. Since its inception in the early 1990s the New Haven SSP has been a pioneer in service delivery, leading to the renowned success of many faculty and the Yale Program in Addiction Medicine.

As the drug supply becomes further contaminated and deadly, people need these services to survive.

If your relative walked into the needle exchange last week, you would have wanted them to access a medication that could save their life. So why should anyone else walk away with anything less?

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OP-ED

Tuesday primaries show that Trumpism has metastasized

By E.J. Dionne Jr.
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — What matters most about Tuesday's Republican primaries is not the scoresheet of how well candidates endorsed by former president Donald Trump did. What counts is how far to the right the GOP's electorate has veered. This should scare everyone who lives outside the fever swamps.

The most important and frightening outcome is the decision of Pennsylvania's Republicans — by a big margin — to make extremist state Sen. Doug Mastriano their party's nominee for governor.

Mastriano is the fringe of the fringe. He is an ardent 2020 election denier — "insurrectionist," my Washington Post colleague Greg Sargent argues, is not too strong a word — who attended Trump's rally that preceded the Jan. 6 riot, organized buses to take Pennsylvanians to it and wanted the state legislature to overturn the popular vote for electors committed to Joe Biden. He spoke at a QAnon event last month, at which conspiracy theorists presented him with a ceremonial weapon they called the "sword of David."

Yes, democracy itself will be on the ballot this fall when Mastriano faces state Attorney General Josh Shapiro, the Democratic nominee. In a state where the governor appoints the secretary of state who oversees elections. Mastriano said he would "reset" the state's voters rolls so everyone would "have to re-register."

That this may be illegal does not deter Mastriano. He is so radical that Trump did not endorse him until three days before the primary, when polls showed he was likely to win. The latest returns showed Mastriano with 44%, to 20% for former congressman Lou Barletta, his nearest rival.

In the state's marquee contest for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination, only a tiny fraction of the vote separates the Trump pick, celebrity doctor Mehmet Oz, and former hedge fund executive David McCormick.

McCormick, who served in the George W. Bush administration, tried desperately to recast himself in the Trumpian mold, but it sure looked fake. As the Wall Street Journal's conservative columnist Gerald Baker wrote this week, "if he's a genuine populist, I'm the patriarch of Constantinople."

The fact the race was so close reflected the strength of rival candidate Kathy Barnette, a conservative media personality who campaigned extensively with Mastriano. Barnette, an authentic radical right voice, won a quarter of the vote, roughly seven points behind the two leaders, and likely took more votes from Oz than from McCormick.

It is delicious, by the way, that the GOP primary may be decided by those mail-in ballots that Trump so despises. "Here we go again," Trump posted on his social media platform on Wednesday. "It is a BIG MESS." For the GOP, it is.

Not for nothing did President Biden's statement warmly endorsing Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, the landslide Senate Democratic primary winner, refer to the GOP contest as "a malicious, chaotic primary campaign to be the most extreme."

"Whoever emerges" as Fetterman's opponent, Biden added, "will be too dangerous, too craven and too extreme to represent Pennsylvania in the United States Senate."

Biden's statement was a welcome sign that he and Democrats may be embracing the idea that the most important issue on November's ballot — in Pennsylvania, but also nationally — will be the extremism that has seized the Republican Party. Trumpism is metastasizing.

As my Post colleague Dana Milbank reported this week, a new study has found that 1 in 5 Republican state legislators is affiliated with far-right groups. Ideologies that were once marginal and beyond the pale are now so important in the GOP that establishmentarians (hedge fund managers even!) have to give them respectful attention.

Those looking for positive signs pointing to a bit of Republican independence will be eager to point out that Trump's endorsement does not guarantee victory. Trump-backed Rep. Ted Budd won the Senate nomination in North Carolina by more than a 2-to-1 margin over a former governor, but didn't Rep. Madison Cawthorn, another Trump favorite, lose? Well, sure, but Cawthorn was burdened with so many scandals you could barely keep track of them — and he was defeated by less than two percentage points.

Republican voters in Nebraska last week and in Idaho on Tuesday declined to entrust their party's gubernatorial nominations to Trump favorites, but both were extremely weak candidates.

The bottom line is that Trump was strong enough to drag the unlikely Oz candidacy close to the finish line — despite the split vote on the far right — and to clear the way for Budd. As important, non-Trump candidates of the McCormick stripe are forced to demean themselves by claiming to honor a man who plainly despises them and to pretend allegiance to his worldview.

And it underscores the virulence of the Trumpist contagion that a candidate such as Mastriano can win going away on the basis of a direct assault on democracy — even as a feckless GOP establishment proves itself powerless to stop a candidacy it knows is lethal. This is what voters need to ponder in November.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rennie column short-changed Rubin

I would like to respond to Kevin Rennie's comments regarding Rachel Rubin in his article "Kevin Rennie: A UConn Bureaucrat has a $144k pension. Now she makes $208 an hour in retirement" [courant.com, May 6]. Rachel Rubin is probably one of the greatest sources of institutional memory that UConn has ever had. Mr. Rennie neglects to mention that she worked in the athletic department with Lew Perkins, as well as running compliance at UConn for seven years. She has known many board of trustee members and chairs.

The board made a wise decision in continuing her employment with them, and in utilizing her talents to select the next UConn president.

Lisa Phillip Rimland, Glastonbury

I can attest mail-in voting with errors

I take exception to Curtis Roessler's assertion in his recent letter that "The use of absentee ballots and mail-in voting is safe, secure and a great way to encourage participation in our great democracy."

I have run for local office in Hartford and West Hartford eight times. I served on the Hartford Board of Education. I served on the West Hartford Town Council. I have served as an official for two recounts. In every instance, the Election Day machine tallies (old machines) were upheld, without a single adjustment. By contrast, the absentee count in every instance required an adjustment due to error. In one instance, a 50-vote error in the absentee vote count resulted in a change in the election outcome. I report this as first-hand fact, not advocacy and as a citizen, not as a registered Republican.

Al Turco, West Hartford

Abortion law would be different if men could get pregnant

After reading the Supreme Court's majority draft opinion of Roe v. Wade that dismisses legal precedent and denies women's rights; and after listening to Republican Mitch McConnell (whose party allegedly opposes government intrusion into individual lives) say that it's a possibility that Congress might pass a federal law outlawing abortion; I have one question: Does anyone have any scintilla of doubt that abortion would be legal everywhere in the country if men could get pregnant?

Thomas Cangelosi, Avon

Story on property tax misses real cause

Sunday's article regarding Hartford's high property tax rate implied it was due to property tax exemptions [Page 1, May 8, "Tax exemptions leave revenue hole"]. Hartford's budget is $1 billion, of which only 30% is paid through Hartford property taxes. The remainder is paid for predominantly by other state taxpayers through "intergovernmental transfers." The issue is that spending is high. The annual budget amounts to $8,000 per resident. As a comparison, Newington taxpayers pay 78% of the budget through property taxes and the budget is $4,700 per resident. Mayor Luke Bronin, we found the problem and it is us.

John Slusarski, Newington

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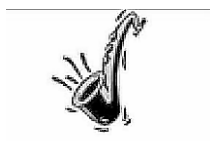


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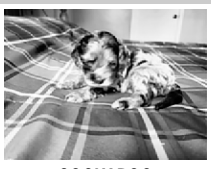
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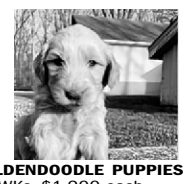
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SUPERIOR COURT
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ORDER OF NOTICE

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A petition has been filed seeking:

Termination of parental rights of the above named minor child(ren).

Commitment of minor child(ren) of the above named vesting of custody and care of said child(ren) of the above named in a lawful, private or public agency or a suitable and worthy person.

The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on 5/26/22 at 2:00 PM at 239 Whalley Avenue, New Haven, CT 06511.

Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the hearing of this petition be given by publishing this Order of Notice once, immediately upon receipt in the: Hartford Courant a newspaper having circulation in the town/city of: Hartford

Name of Judge: Honorable Bernadette Conway
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OBITUARIES

Fitzgerald, Helen "Bunny" (Sullivan)

Helen "Bunny" (Sullivan) Fitzgerald, 100, of East Hartford, CT. Daughter of the late William and Helen Sullivan, passed away peacefully Tuesday, May 17, 2022. She is survived by her two daughters; Mary Fitzgerald Krasnoff of Marlborough, MA and Kathleen Anne Fitzgerald of Vermillion, SD. Her brother; Thomas Sullivan of Springfield, MA, many nieces and nephews and several grand nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her beloved husband; Michael J Fitzgerald, her sister Margaret Sullivan, and three brothers; William Sullivan, John Sullivan, and Robert Sullivan. Bunny graduated from Our Lady of the Elms College in Chicopee, MA and was a medical technologist in the blood bank at Saint Francis Hospital in Hartford before marrying Mike and taking on her favorite job as wife and Mom. She loved to travel and enjoyed many summers on Cape Cod and winters on the beach in Florida. Bunny was a voracious reader and also enjoyed cheering on her favorite college sports teams including Notre Dame football and St. John's basketball. The family would like to thank Marion Matt and Helping Hands Home Care for the excellent care and companionship given to Bunny over the last 10 months.
Calling Hours for Helen will be held Monday, May 23, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM at Benjamin J. Callahan Funeral Home, 318 Burnside Ave., East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A Mass of Christian Burial will occur Monday, May 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St Mary Church, 15 Maplewood Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108. A Committal Service will occur Monday, May 23, 2022 at 12:00 PM at St Mary Cemetery, Burnside Ave, East Hartford, Connecticut 06118. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.CallahanFuneral.com for the Fitzgerald family. Gifts in memory of Bunny may be made to the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center in Support of the PAVING the Path to Wellness Program, 125 Nashua Street, Suite 540, Boston, MA 02114. Checks should be made payable to Massachusetts General Hospital. Please reference in memory of Helen S. Fitzgerald. Gifts may also be made online at giving.massgeneral.org/donate.

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Gewanter, David



David Gewanter, a highly regarded physics and mathematics teacher for nearly 50 years, died peacefully on April 15 with his wife, Suzanne Drapeau, at his side. He was 74. Mr. Gewanter was diagnosed with glioblastoma in November 2021. He lived in Simsbury for 40 years before moving to Washington, CT, in 2015.
He was born in Brooklyn, NY, on Dec. 14, 1947. Among his fondest childhood memories was learning to sail on Sheepshead Bay with his dad and brother. A precocious learner, he became fascinated by electricity and won the citywide Westinghouse Science Award for building his own computer at age 12. He got his first taste of teaching at age 13, tutoring his peers at Midwood High School.
Mr. Gewanter studied electrical engineering at Columbia University before conducting research on radar during the Vietnam War. After moving to Connecticut, he became enamored of outdoor pursuits and returned to his true calling as a science educator, completing degrees in electrical engineering and secondary science teaching at the University of Hartford. He developed a robust curriculum in the science of survival, a summer wilderness/survival course in alternative education that evolved into an Environmental Physics course at Simsbury High School, where he taught for 33 years.
While teaching full-time, he completed a National Outdoor Leadership program and earned a master's degree in environmental science and technology at Rensselaer/Hartford Graduate Center. He coached the boys' varsity tennis team and advised the ham radio and outing clubs, leading students on numerous rock climbing, mountaineering, and skiing trips.
In 1991, he taught in Szolnok, Hungary, on a yearlong Fulbright Scholarship exchange program, bringing his family overseas and returning after the program via the Trans-Siberian Railway through Russia, with stops in China and Southeast Asia before arriving back in Connecticut. He served on the international education committee of the American Association of Physics Teachers and was a frequent invited speaker at overseas physics education conferences. He participated in several National Science Foundation initiatives to develop K-8 teacher expertise.
After retiring from Simsbury Public Schools in 2003, he taught at John Jay High School in South Salem, NY, from 2006 to 2013. At John Jay, he was voted most inspiring teacher, and led colleagues and one of the first groups of U.S. high school students on a visit to The Large Hadron Collider/CERN near Geneva, Switzerland, during CERN's research on the Higgs boson or Higgs particle.
He taught at various high schools in Connecticut after retiring from John Jay, and ultimately retired in June 2021 from The Gilbert School in Winsted, CT. A former student said that he taught students "to be honest with ourselves and others, to learn by doing and to make the most of our lives." Both in and out of the classroom, he always taught that gratitude and joy were essential to good living, and emphasized the importance of love and kindness in all one's affairs.
An avid and talented tennis player, he accepted every opportunity for a match. He was devoted to environmental stewardship and served on the Western Connecticut Clean Air Action Committee, the Washington Conservation Commission, and the Washington Environmental Council.
He was a lifelong audiophile and was a member of the Connecticut Audio Society. He produced folk music concerts at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, CT, in the 1980s. A car enthusiast, he owned and drove a 1973 British Triumph TR6 for more than 50 years.
In addition to his wife of 33 years, survivors include his stepson, Ben Moylen; brother Alan Gewanter of Ottsville, PA; aunt Niecie Grayson, and several cousins in New York City. A lifelong animal lover, he also leaves his beloved cat, Bela Victoria Bartok.
An interfaith memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 4, at Salem Covenant Church, 96 Baldwin Hill Road, Washington Depot, CT. Reception immediately following at the church. Flowers can be sent to the church.
Donations in his memory can be given to the Washington Environmental Council's Scholarship Fund at https://wecprotects.org/giving/one-time-gift/.

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OBITUARIES

Campanelli, Dorothy P.



Dorothy "Dottie" P. (Manocchio) Campanelli, 92, of Wethersfield, beloved wife of the late Albert J. Campanelli, passed away in her home on May 16, 2022. She was born in Hartford, daughter of the late Biase and Filomena (Guzzo) Manocchio. Dorothy reconnected with her lifelong family friend, Anthony P. Gilistro, who became her constant companion until her passing. She is survived by her five children, William Stetson (partner Dorothy Breen), Daniel Stetson, MaryBeth Stetson-Welch (husband Lee), Meg Stetson DeLeo (fiancé Rich Twombly), Cathy Stetson-DeRienzo (husband Jamie); four stepchildren Debbie Rochat (husband Bill), JoAnn Fenton (husband Bill), Jay Campanelli (wife Carolyn), Peter Campanelli (wife Roxanne). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Charlie and Sammy DeLeo, Dylan Stetson, Jaila and Anthony DeRienzo, Hannah and Lauren Stetson, and step-grandchildren, Rich and Joey Bazzano, Kate and Donovan Fenton, Allie, Connor and Jac Campanelli; her godchildren, Annette Stavola Leisure and Maria Brumm, and several friends, cousins, nieces, nephews, sisters- and brothers-in-law. She was predeceased by her brother, William J. Manocchio; her sister, Frances A. Stavola and stepdaughter, Brenda Thayer.
Dottie grew up in the South End of Hartford and then moved to Wethersfield where she raised her family and lived out the entirety of her life. She also spent many winters in Cocoa Beach and enjoyed time in Niantic. She graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1948 and earned her Associates degree from Hillyer College. She worked as a secretary for the Town of Wethersfield and Fenn Manufacturing and later in life for the Wethersfield Community Center.
Dottie was a gourmet cook and loved to entertain. Well known as the "Hostess with the Mostest" She enjoyed her Pyquag Village neighbors and their dinner club parties. She dabbled with painting, watercolors, arts and crafts and belonged to the Grass Roots Garden Club. Dot also enjoyed tennis, golf and playing Bocci. She didn't miss a party or an opportunity to take an adventurous drive. Dottie looked forward to playing setback, Wii bowling and other events weekly with her friends at Wethersfield Senior Center. She was a very faithful Catholic and a member of Church of the Incarnation.
Dottie's wishes were that all wear "Bright colors like Jewels" to her services. Family and friends were everything to her; she was a friend to all. The only pain she ever caused was when she left us.
Funeral services will begin on Tuesday, May 24 at 9 a.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at Church of the Incarnation, 544 Prospect Street, Wethersfield. Interment will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. The family will receive relatives and friends on Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral chapel. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692. To share a memory of Dottie with her family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Yacinski Kuzma, Audrey (Messelle)



Audrey Elfriede Yacinski-Kuzma, 87 years of age, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on January 27, 2022 in Ocala, Florida.

Audrey was born in Kensington, CT to Joseph Philip Messelle and Elfriede Clara Heiden. She married her high school sweetheart Fredrick Yacinski. Audrey and Fredrick went on to adopt two boys. Fred later passed away and Audrey married Joseph Kuzma.

Audrey Yacinski Kuzma led a full life and was loved by most if not all. She attended college in Middlesex, CT., where she got a Who's Who Award and graduated top in her class in Marketing and Phycology. Audrey went on to have many diverse careers.

Audrey taught dancing for many years for Arthur Murray Studios in Jacksonville, North Carolina and Hartford Connecticut, where she taught Ballroom, Cha Cha, Tango and even Belly Dancing at a local school. She later went on to work for Aetna Insurance Company. Her next job led her to a career with Prudential Connecticut Realty in Wethersfiel. Audrey's success in Realty led her to the Presidents Club, Multimillion Dollar Club (when a million dollars a lot of money) and many other awards to numerous to mention.

Audrey and a teammate brought all the talent into the Hartford Civic Center where her hard work led to venues like Elvis, Neil Diamond plus all the boat, car and motorcycle shows as well as the first ever indoor Rodeo to the Center.

Audrey later went on to work for the Grand Union Personal Office which she personally ran in Wethersfield, CT. When they closed and moved to New York, they ask Audrey to manage that office as well. She later moved on to manage a podiatrist office for 2 podiatrists. Audrey did all the bookwork, helped in the operation room, put casts on patients and did the billing out the door.

Audrey and her husband moved to Ocala in 1993 where she got involved right away in a number of clubs including the Royal Dames, Red Hatters Investment Club, volunteering at the Ocala Hospital, and joined leadership of Ocala. Audrey joined numerous Bible Study groups and was on the Baptismal Community at First Baptist.

Audrey also helped her husband spread the Truth Project in Marion County and helped spread God's Word through Bible Boards all around the United States. She also was a Greeter and helped a Pastor with one of the largest Christians Single Groups at that time. From 3 states to First Church of Christ in Wethersfield, CT.

Audrey was Beautiful and lovely to be around. Her golden heart stopped beating, Her hardworking hands at rest....God broke our hearts to prove to us, that he only takes the best.

Audrey's family would like to extend there most heartfelt appreciation to the nurses, doctors and staff of Marion County Hospice for the outstanding care they provided to Audrey.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baldwin Brothers Heritage Place Chapel, 954 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Suite 200, Ocala, FL 34470. Online condolences as well as fond memories may be left for Audrey's family by visiting www.BaldwinCremation.com. Funeral service will be held at First Church of Wethersfield, Ct. at 250 Main Street on June 5th at 3 PM.

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Jencik, Lorraine



Lorraine M. "Lorrie" Jencik, 83, passed away on May 18, 2022 at Douglas Manor. She was a longtime Franklin, CT resident. Born enroute to Backus Hospital on the old Yantic Bridge, she was the daughter of the late Emil M. and Anna C. (Janosack) Jencik. She grew up on the family farm in Franklin, which she absolutely loved, along with its resident wildlife. Lorrie graduated from Pleasure Hill School in Franklin, Windham High School, and Quinnipiac University, Magna Cum Laude, with degrees in Marketing and Economics. She was a member of Delta Mu Delta (National Business Honor Society) and Phi Beta Kappa.

Her interests included hiking, nature, NASCAR, protection of wildlife and the environment, dancing, astronomy and music. In her early years, she played classical piano and recently the keyboard. She sang in various Catholic church choirs and was a member of the Judo Black Belt Federation of America (SHODAN).

Her greatest love was aviation and had been a licensed pilot for 33 years. Prior to retirement in 1998, she was employed by Xerox Corp. as a jet captain and held an Air Transport Pilot License with commercial privileges with five types of ratings in various jet aircraft including four engine. Previously, she flew night freight throughout the Eastern U.S. and Canada, and earlier as a Certified Flight/Instrument Instructor of single and multi-engine land and sea.

Lorrie had participated in air races, both domestic and international, finishing 3rd in Nicaragua To Florida Race, logging over 17,500 flight hours.

She leaves her niece, Marlene J. Piescik of Somers, CT; nephew, Donald Jencik of Canton, CT; a grandniece; three grandnephews; and several cousins.

Lorraine's family will receive relatives and friends from 8:30am to 9:30am on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. Willimantic, CT. Her Funeral Mass will follow at 10:00am at St. Mary's Church, 46 Valley St. Willimantic, with her burial at St. Joseph Cemetery on Club Rd. in Windham, CT. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the World Wildlife Fund, 1250 24th St. NW, Washington, DC 20090 IFAW, 250 Summer St. Yarmouth Port, MA 02675. For an online memorial guestbook, please visit www.potterfuneralhome.com

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McCommic, Pauline M.



Pauline Mary McCommic, beloved wife of Raymond McCommic, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 19, 2022, two days after celebrating her 81st birthday with her family and friends.
Born on May 17, 1941 in St. Agatha, ME, she was one of nine children to the late Wilfred and Bernice (Corriveau) Guerrette. Pauline had a love for cooking, working in the food service profession for many years, retiring as a cook for the Hospital for Special Care after more than 30 years of dedicated service. The consummate hostess, she made sure all who were welcome in her home were greeted with delicious food and good conversation. Pauline was proud of her French heritage, and was a longtime member of the Ladies of St. Ann, where she served many terms as President, and devoted much of her time to the St. Jean Baptiste Society. She enjoyed gardening and had an incredible knack for needlepoint, sharing her intricate and perfectly made masterpieces with her family and friends. The matriarch of her family, she held multiple generations together with her selflessness and love. A social butterfly, with an unforgettable sense of humor and little bit of sass until her final days, she will be missed dearly and forever remembered.
In addition to her husband, Ray, she leaves her children, Brian Pelletier and his wife Darlene, Brenda Hoffman and her husband Jim, Kevin McCommic, Gregory McCommic and Shelley Cap; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her sister Edwina Dube; her brother Milton Guerrette and his wife Pam; and many nieces, nephews and extended family. She was predeceased by her son, Russell Pelletier, two brothers and four sisters.
The family extends their sincerest gratitude to the nurses and staff at Apple Rehab Farmington Valley for the compassionate care shown to Pauline during her four year stay.
In lieu of flowers, Pauline may be remembered with contributions to the Alzheimer's Association CT Chapter, 200 Executive Blvd #4b, Southington CT 06489 or www.alz.org/ct Family and friends may gather in celebration of Pauline's life on Friday May 27, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy Church, followed by committal at St. Mary Cemetery New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Perry-Goffigon, Gloria Gean



Gloria Perry-Goffigon passed peacefully at home on May 17,2022 with her only beloved daughter Angela Perry and beautiful black long haired cat Missy by her side. She was born in Cape Charles, VA on October 20, 1946 to parents Mary Bailey-Goffigon and Roosevelt Goffigon. There were a host of siblings that predeceased her. She leaves behind sister Jannie Burney of Connecticut, brother Jesse Goffigon of Texas, sister Barbara Johnson of Virginia, and her favorite niece Sharman Hughes of Virginia whom she was able to softly whisper her final words " I love you". She is widowed by husband George Perry of Washington, DC. Not to mention, a host of nieces and nephews, family friends, neighbors and co-workers that were dear to her. Gloria was a kind, caring spirit and devoted the last ten years of life enjoying retirement in her flower garden, attending Zumba, enjoying symphonies/ museums, dancing to Luther Vandross and Anita Baker, writing poems, and supporting her daughter with her professional endeavors.
Gloria will be missed tremendously but Heaven gained an Angel who will now be a guardian to those she left behind on Earth.

Memorial Services will be held on Mother's Day 2023 per Gloria's wishes. More details to come at a later time.

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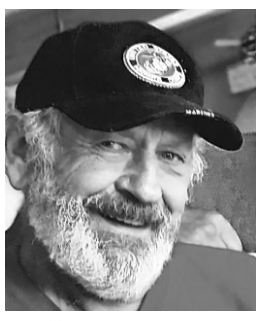
Kennedy, Rita F.



Rita (Flynn) Kennedy, 74, of Southington, passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at HOCC in New Britain, after courageously battling a series of illnesses over the past 11 years. Rita was a smart, feisty, funny and loving person. You always knew where you stood with "Rockin' Reet!" Rita was born on October 28, 1947 in Middletown to the late William and Irene (Callahan) Flynn. She graduated from Middletown High School in 1965 and went on to earn her degree from the Chandler School for Women in Boston. Rita's career took various turns until she founded the employment search firm, The Kennedy Company, in 1978. After taking some time to raise her family, Rita re-entered the workforce and took a position as a paraprofessional at Southington High School, retiring in 2014. Rita's greatest joy was being "Nana" to her cherished grandchildren. She adored Ella and Owie ("Nana, my name is Owen!"). She enjoyed so many good times with the LaBellas and the DuBoses over the years. Hosting holidays with the McGowans was a joy to her and showed her fierce commitment to family. And she would love carousing with her buddy, Judi Housman, with whom she traveled to UConn women's NCAA Final Fours in Philly and New Orleans. She became a rabid, and knowledgeable, sports fan, following the Yankees, the Celtics and UConn men's/women's basketball. Rita leaves behind her husband of nearly 54 years, John A. Kennedy Jr, two sons, Jonathan Kennedy and his fiancée Lenora Okelly and Garrett Kennedy and his wife Yvette and 2 grandchildren, Ella and Owen, all of Brooklyn, NY. She is also survived by her stepmother and dear friend, Bette Flynn of Middletown, brother-in-law, Peter McGowan of Framingham, MA and a large extended family; James Kennedy of Otisville, NY, Paul Kennedy of North Easton, MA, Mary Kennedy Hietala and husband Craig of Enfield, Joseph Kennedy and wife Nancy of Somerville, MA, Francis Kennedy of Southington, Stephen Kennedy of Newington and numerous cherished nieces and nephews. Rita was predeceased by her sister, Evelyn McGowan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Rita's memory may be made to the Cam Neely Foundation, 30 Winter Street, 2nd Fl, Boston, MA 02108 (https://camneely-foundation.org/). Calling hours for Rita will be held from 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville, followed by Words of Remembrance at 11:30 a.m. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Myska, Robert R.



Robert R. Myska, 76 devoted Husband, Father, Papa and friend to many, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Born in New Britain he was one of two sons to the late Walter and Sophie (Kempa) Myska. He graduated from EC Goodwin Technical School and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps. Bob proudly served his country in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in 1968. A Purple Heart recipient, Bob's patriotism and USMC pride was always prominently displayed and he was a longtime member of the VFW and American Legion. Bob married the love of his life, Elizabeth (Madden) sharing 53 years of love and life's adventures. Bob and Betty settled in Southington where they raised their two children and enjoyed watching their family grow for two more generations. A former Stanley Works employee, Bob was a brilliant craftsman whose carpentry career spanned decades. His most recent work prior to retirement was at The Goodspeed Opera House and St. Peter's Church in New Britain. Bob's many talents and expertise have been passed along to his children. He was a former volunteer firefighter with the Southington Fire Department Co. #5. Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating, dancing and playing tennis and softball.

Above all, Bob was an ever-present and selfless man whose life was centered around his family. Bob reached out to extended family, friends, neighbors and anyone in need always extending a helping hand. While his earthly presence will be missed beyond words, he leaves many with priceless memories and life lessons that will forever be remembered.

In addition to his wife Betty he leaves his children Bethann Myska-Uccello and Matthew Myska and his wife Sage; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Allen and her son Greyson; Emily Savage, her husband Matt and their children Savannah and Bryce; Lily Meucci; River and Jude Myska, along with many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends he considered family. He was predeceased by his brother Walter "Boe" Myska.

In support of Bob's fellow veterans and his love for carpentry, he may be remembered with contributions to the House of Heroes CT at www.hohct.org or 3342 Whitney Ave, Hamden CT 06518.

Family and friends may gather in celebration of Bob's life on Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St, Plainville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m., meeting directly at St. Dominic Church, 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington. Committal services with military honors will follow at St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com.

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Proulx, Mary H. (Ross)



Mary H. (Ross) Proulx, longtime resident of Vernon, CT, recent resident of Brookdale, South Windsor, and Cherry Brook HCC, passed peacefully into eternal rest on May 18, 2022. Born in Lisbon Falls, ME, of Josephine T. (Wrenn) Ross and Levi M. Ross Jr in 1931, she was predeceased by her parents, her loving husband, Henry R. Proulx, her Brother Levi Ross III and most of her beloved in-laws. She is survived by her siblings, Margaret Drottar, Albert Ross (Susan) and James Ross, 5 children: Althea (Kevin) Greaney, Marjorie (Harold) Mayhew, Henry R. Proulx Jr, Michele Proulx, and Christopher Proulx, 8 grandchildren: Vanessa (Sal) Fusco, Sophia (RD) Blakeslee, Nicole (Michael) Laviolette, Owen (Jenn) Mayhew, Brendan Mayhew, Nelson Mayhew, Cara Greaney, and Nicholas Proulx, three great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and friends that she loved with her whole being.

A memorial service will be held at the Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home, 419 Buckland Rd., South Windsor, CT on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at 11 a.m. Video access is available for family and friends that are unable to make the trip to CT at www.carmonfuneralhome.com

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Larsen, Gloria (Cannilla)



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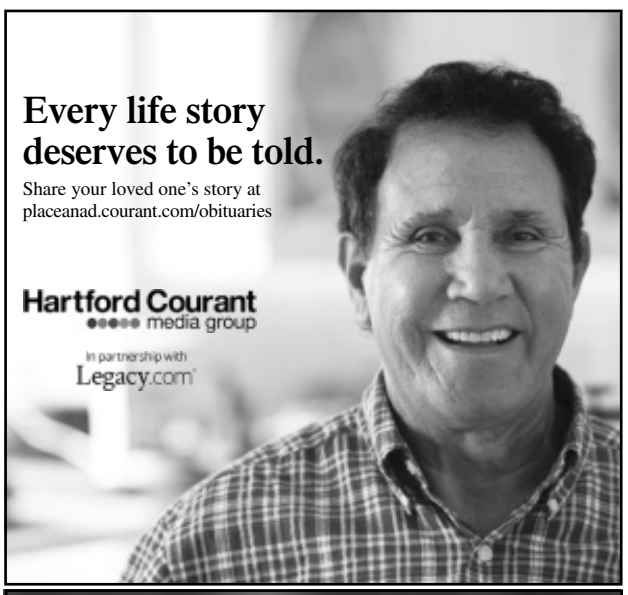


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Sandy passed away Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, at the age of 59. She was born October 1, 1962 in Rockville CT. Sandy was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne E. Chasse and is survived by her parents Sharon and David; her children: daughter Amber and husband Adam Tommasi; son Nicholas and wife Casey Chasse; and 7 grandchildren.

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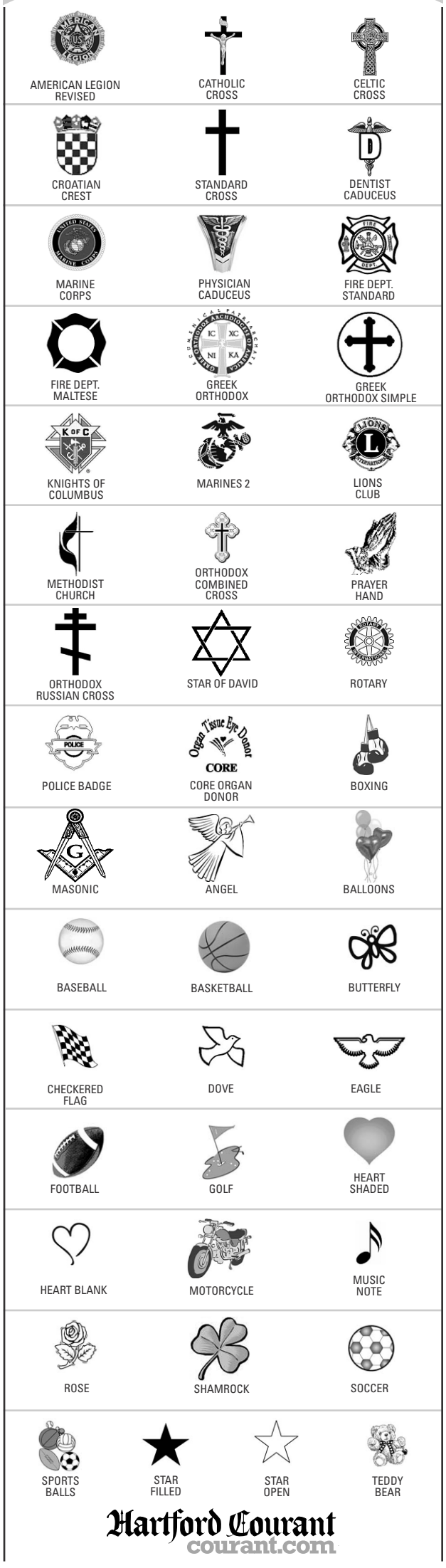
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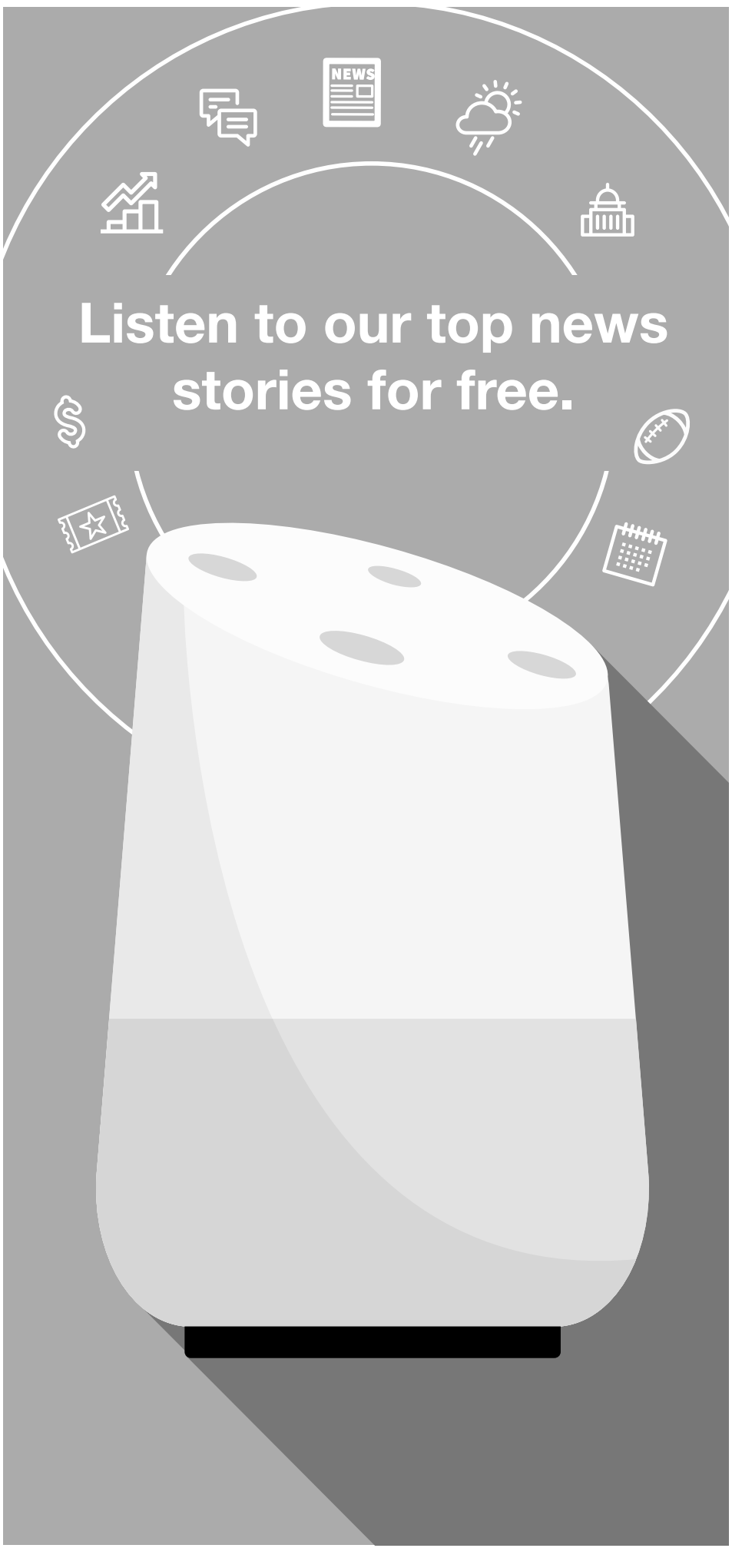
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Abortion support in CT strong, nuanced

By Mark Pazniokas
Ct Mirror

Connecticut residents overwhelmingly favor keeping abortion legal, though with differences over the circumstances in which abortions should be available, according to a new poll commissioned by WTNH-News 8.

The findings mirror a recent national poll by Pew Research Center that showed voter attitudes are more nuanced than being simply for or against abortion as the nation braces for a U.S. Supreme Court ruling expected to overturn or greatly revise Roe v. Wade.

Only 9% of respondents in the Connecticut poll said abortion should be illegal in all cases. Another 23% would prohibit them except in cases of rape, incest or where the health of the mother was endangered.

The remaining 68% favored either no or few restrictions on abortion, though a subset indicated the current standard in Connecticut of fetal viability was perhaps too liberal.

Thirty-four percent said abortion should be legal in all cases, and 20% said it should be legal up to 20 weeks of pregnancy, while 14% favored a cutoff at six weeks.

Nearly 99% of abortions were done at 20 weeks or sooner in 2019, the most recent year statistics are available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ninety-two percent were done

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Dawn Cook of Manchester holds a sign at a rally to show support for reproductive and other rights outside the state Capitol in Hartford on May 7. **FILE**

WEST HARTFORD



The West Hartford Town Council unanimously voted to rename New Street to Dinah Road. **TED GLANZER/HARTFORD COURANT**

New Street renamed to honor enslaved women

Capping yearlong process, Town Council unanimous in vote to change it to Dinah Road

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

WEST HARTFORD — The West Hartford Town Council unanimously agreed to change the name of a city street this week, a small move that points to a larger goal — changing the town's physical landscape to bear witness to its history and culture.

New Street in Blue Back Square will henceforth be named Dinah Road, in honor of two women named Dinah who were enslaved in West Hartford in the mid-18th century.

The change, a nearly yearlong process of gathering signatures and support, was spearheaded by the Mayor's Youth Council and the Witness Stones Project.

At the meeting Tuesday, Hall High School student Priya Sinha raised a question for the town, as her letter was read by Carol Waxman, manager of Children and Teen Services for the West Hartford Public Library.

"Are we willing to honor the voice of an African American slave who never had one, or act as if the past never happened?"

Sinha is a member of the youth council and the Witness Stones Project, which allows students to learn about the lives of enslaved individuals and work to amplify their stories through art, music or writing. It was through this project several students wrote letters to the town council wanting to change the name.

"Watching the students at work, the input that they had, what they learned from a civics perspective, and a history perspective ... I am just very proud and I think this is a wonderful outcome," said West Hartford Mayor Shari Cantor.

According to the town historian, Tracey Wilson, Dinah and her daughter were forced to toil on the estate of John and Jerusha Whiting on land stretching east and west of Hall High School, local research shows. Her daughter was probably born there, and the mother passed away when she was 10 years old. When the Whitings died, the daughter, Dinah, was inherited by Jerusha's nephew, John Haynes Lord. In 1791, a Black man, Prince Hall, reportedly paid for her freedom.

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Ellington boosts budget for police patrols

The area has been hit hard by thefts of cars and catalytic converters

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

Ellington officials have boosted overnight police patrols to curb car and catalytic converter thieves, a persistent, costly and dangerous problem in town and throughout the state.

"We have heard loud and clear from residents and businesses concerned about car break-ins and costly catalytic converter thefts," Deputy First Selectman David Stavens said Friday. "That's why we are taking action now as well as adding resources to the proposed town budget to counter this troubling criminal trend."

Resident trooper Sgt. Brian Santa said the increase in resources "allows us to strategically target and deter criminal activity in our community."

First Selectwoman Lori Spielman said, "The increase in patrols adds another layer of deterrence against these opportunistic criminals."

Catalytic converter thefts surged in the state and nation starting in early 2020 with the emergence of the coronavirus pandemic. Metals in the pollution scrubbing devices are worth hundreds of dollars on resale.

In Connecticut, teams of thieves equipped with jacks and electric saws have cut the devices from cars, buses and commercial trucks. Last year, converters were stolen from 28 parked school buses in Trumbull — knocking out the entire fleet. The damage reached about $75,000 because each bus was equipped with two converters.

In Windsor Locks over the past year, police say thieves have sawed 26 converters from just one company's trucks. Det. Sgt. Jeff Lampson said the cost to residents and businesses in town is "well into the six figures," not just in repair bills and insurance deductibles, but also in lost business due to hobbled vehicles.

Windsor Locks police union president, Sgt. James Gustafson,

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Wolcott police: Mother arrested after toddler found shivering outside

By Jesse Leavenworth
Hartford Courant

A toddler was found wandering outside alone in chilly, wet weather Thursday night, Wolcott police said, and his mother was arrested.

Police were sent to the home on Longmeadow Drive at 9:37 p.m. after a neighbor found the 2-year-old boy in the front yard, police said. Wet and crying, the boy was barefoot, wearing only shorts and a T-shirt, police said.

The neighbor had heard a dog barking outside, went out to see why and saw her neighbor's dog come running from the backyard next door. The shivering child, who had soiled his diaper, was following the dog, the neighbor told police. The outdoor temperature was 53 degrees.

Officer Sara Carrillo comforted the child, who was put into a warm cruiser. Other officers found the front door to the home unlocked and the back door open. They found the house empty except for

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COVID-19 on the rise in Connecticut nursing homes

Infections increase among residents and staff

By Jenna Carlesso
CT Mirror

Coronavirus infections among nursing home residents are on the rise again, increasing almost six-fold over one month.

For the two-week period ending April 12, 85 infections were recorded among nursing home residents in Connecticut. For the two-week period ending May 10, 478 infections were reported.

Staff infections also rose, to 346 for the two-week period ending May 10, up from 115 during the two-week stretch that ended April 12.

Nursing home infections and deaths are made public every two weeks in Connecticut.

The increase in COVID-19 cases in long-term care facilities mirrors a rise in community spread. The state's positivity rate Thursday was 14%, a considerable upswing from the end of February, when the first omicron wave subsided and the state's daily positivity rate hovered around 2% to 3%. And with many people using home rapid tests to detect infection, some positive cases are not being counted.

Hospitalizations, which by mid-March had fallen below 100, reached 369 on Thursday.

During the two weeks ending April 12, only one COVID-related nursing home resident death was recorded. During the two weeks ending May 10, 12 such fatalities were reported.

The infection and death rates among residents are still far lower they were in 2020, when

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As the Witness Stones Project gathered information on people who had been enslaved in West Hartford, the question became how to share it.

"There were other kids who tried to get street names changed as well. So they brought different names forward. And then, because the idea is we have this new information, how do we get other people in the town to know about it? How do we change the cultural landscape of the town?" Wilson said.

At that time, the town council did not have a process for changing the names of roads, so they spent about six months coming up an ordinance in response to the students' letters, Wilson said.

Wilson also said that since the eighth-graders who started the process moved on to high school, three students from the Mayor's Youth Council, including Sinha and Sarah Granquist from Hall High School and Tzionya Goldfischer from New England Jewish Academy, collected 150 signatures to support the name change.

Sinha said her experience obtaining the signatures required for the petition was sometimes difficult.

"As I would walk around my neighborhood door to door, before I could even finish my sentence, some would simply just say no. It almost felt like we weren't going anywhere as a town," she said.

"I didn't just feel rejection. I felt the hatred we (people of color) face in the community. ... If we want to keep improving the lives of people of color, changing this name is a necessity," Sinha said. "We often preach as a town that we want more diversity and to honor those from different backgrounds. So here I am, a person of color, asking you to make this change."

After the 150 signatures were collected, the three students had to speak before the Planning and Zoning Commission, where they received a unanimous vote for the name change on May 5.

"They had to be persistent to keep at it, but they are really engaged in the project and really believed in this idea that our landscape needs to tell more stories than it does right now," Wilson said.

Sinha said many people of color in West Hartford don't feel that they belong, but the street name change is a step in the right direction.

"As a person of color, especially a woman growing up in West Hartford, it was not the same experience as many of my friends who are white," she said. "I found it hard to find representation and people like me. ... I constantly face microaggressions and subtle racist comments.

Councilor Carol Blanks agreed.

"For me as a Black woman with West Indian and Cuban roots, sitting on this council is huge. When I grew up in Hartford, coming through West Hartford, everybody was like, 'Oh, you've got to be careful, OK,' because there's not many of us that are born in West Hartford, and certainly at that time, we were not sitting on this council," she said.

"I know I'm not the first Black woman sitting on this council, and there are others who paved the way, but I would like to recognize and be thankful for Dinah and Dinah. ... I'm just really proud of this moment, proud of this council to be able to support this resolution because it's history-making for me, as well. Not only today, but in many years to come, my name will be associated with this."

Councilwoman Adrienne Billings-Smith also shared her excitement and gratefulness to Wilson and the students.

"What we are doing here in West Hartford is ... making sure that we are living up to our vision, our mission and our promise to our residents," Billings-Smith said. "What you guys are doing is creating that space for folks.

"I grew up in the South, so I already knew what it was to drive through towns that I didn't necessarily belong in. So when Blanks says that about our town, it makes you gasp a little bit, because that's not what you see here now, and we have to continue to do this work."

The name change will not become official until Aug. 10 in order to give current residents of the LOFTS apartments at 15 New Street time to update important information at their banks, the DMV and other places.

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recently wrote to state Rep. Jane Garibay, a Democrat who represents the town and part of Windsor, saying the union "would like to know what, if anything, your office is doing at a legislative level, to address the issue of catalytic converter thefts."

Gustafson noted that in two instances recently, police were exposed to "extreme risk and peril in their efforts to deter and detect these crimes." In both cases, catalytic converter thieves confronted by police jumped in cars and sped directly at responding officers, narrowly missing the cruisers, police have said. Just this week in Milford, a converter thief with a reciprocating saw cut a man who confronted him, police there said.

The thefts are "a daily problem" in Windsor Locks, Gustafson wrote, noting that statewide policy prohibits police from vehicle chases when the only suspected crime is larceny.

"Unfortunately, "Gustafson wrote, "like in many cases, it seems like meaningful change won't come about until a tragedy occurs."

Responding to an email from The Courant with the union letter attached, Garibay said she worked on bipartisan legislation to curb the thefts, which Gov. Ned Lamont recently signed. Effective July 1, the law restricts scrap and junk dealers from buying catalytic converters and requires extensive record keeping of transactions.

"Together these steps should close the market for these parts," Garibay said. "However, it's important to remember that there are folks breaking the law now.

"So, will this legislation help? Absolutely. But we are also dealing with folks who break the law, and that's why I am thankful for the police and the work they do to investigate these crimes. If there are additional steps we can take statutorily, I am always open to working on any legislation that will help keep our communities safe."

Other lawmakers said the problem can be solved only with a multipronged approach. Sen. Eric Berthel, a Watertown Republican, supported the legislation, but said it did not do enough.

Lampson, the Windsor locks detective and former head of criminal investigations in Manchester, said the legislation is impotent. The converters are being sold online and through fences, he said, and any thieves who were taking them to Connecticut scrapyards will now turn to out-of-state metal dealers.

To curb the rash of thefts, Lampson said, thieves must be caught and punished. But in most cases police cannot chase larceny suspects once they're in getaway cars, so effective law enforcement is stymied, he said.

"You won't see meaningful legislation until a homeowner in Farmington catches a round from one of these thieves," Lampson said.

Santa, the Ellington resident trooper, said residents play an important role "in being the first line of defense against this type of criminal activity.

"Criminals look for easy targets," he said. "So remember to remove valuables from your vehicle, lock your doors, take your keys inside your residence and park in a well-lit area."

Jesse Leavenworth can be reached at jleavenworth@courant.com.

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thousands were infected and nursing home deaths represented more than 60% of Connecticut's overall COVID-19 fatalities.

But as fewer people don masks and restrictions to curb the spread of the virus are removed, infections are spiking again.

"I'm not seeing the same level of focus in the community. And my perception is that we all want COVID to go away, we all wish it would go away. But wishing will not make it happen," said Bill White, whose family owns the Beechwood Post-Acute & Transitional Care Center in New London. "I just really encourage people to continue to be cautious. If you have symptoms, don't assume it's allergies — get yourself tested. The best help that the nursing homes can get is from the people in the community self-monitoring."

White took to social media this week and appealed to those who have loved ones in long-term care facilities.

"What I wrote is basically: Please be cautious in your private lives. Because when you visit our nursing home, your lives intersect with ours, and we have people who are at risk," he said. "They don't realize there's still a big piece of the population that's very vulnerable. Folks don't necessarily think of that impact."

Although hospitalization and death rates have so far been lower in this wave than previously during the pandemic, White said, "there are still people who can get very sick and die. We just ask people to keep that in mind when they're making choices about what they do and where they go."

Nursing homes are still allowing visitation, though most facilities require guests to wear a mask. In recent months, many homes have stopped requiring visitors to submit a negative COVID test.

As cases increase, an already arduous staffing shortage has been more difficult, with workers calling out sick to quarantine.

"It worsens the staffing, which is already — we continue to say over and over — the worst it has ever been in the history of the sector," said Matthew Barrett, president and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities.

Some nursing homes have had to turn away prospective new patients who are being discharged from hospitals because they don't have the staff needed to care for the influx, Barrett said.

And with higher COVID cases, referrals from hospitals have gone up in some areas.

"One of the things we look at is the volume of referrals that we're seeing coming out of the hospitals; not necessarily COVID patients, but just the overall volume gets increased because COVID puts pressure on the system, and then everything else starts to feel pressured as well," White said.

"Nursing homes remain in probably the most staffing-challenged state they've been in, in my 25 years as an administrator and longer in this business. ... As we get busier, it's wonderful, but it really puts a lot of challenge on us."

In highlighting the crisis, the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living pointed to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics showing long-term care facilities have lost more than 400,000 workers between February 2020 and March 2022.

"That far outpaces other health care sectors," the organizations wrote in a news release. "Pandemic-related issues have caused increased burnout among caregivers. Coupled with the inability of many providers to compete against other employers because of chronic underfunding, long-term care providers are facing a crisis of historic proportions."

For now, nursing home leaders aren't calling on the state to reopen the recovery centers that helped take pressure off the facilities during surges in 2020. The centers allowed nursing homes to transfer COVID-positive residents to designated buildings for care, and they also accepted COVID-positive patients from hospitals before later transferring them to nursing homes after the patients recovered.

"We wouldn't be saying we're anywhere near recommending the recovery facilities," Barrett said. "It's something that you always need to be monitoring and mindful of. But we wouldn't ... conclude that right now."

Many nursing homes are hosting vaccination clinics for residents and staff who want to receive a second booster shot. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that 89% of nursing home residents in Connecticut have received an additional primary dose or booster dose of a COVID vaccine.

Anna Doroghazi, associate director of advocacy and outreach for the AARP in Connecticut, said as cases and hospitalizations increase, people should be mindful of how their actions affect others, especially those most vulnerable.

"It's unfortunate that a lot of the same folks in our society who were ignored before the pandemic continue to be ignored at this point in time," she said. "I understand that people want to move on. I want to move on. But I wish we were all being more thoughtful about how we account for the impact our actions have on older and disabled individuals as we quote-unquote return to normal."

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two other dogs. The home was in poor condition with dog feces on the floors, police said.

While officers were checking the house, the mother of the child, Amanda Milligan, returned and asked why police were at her home, police said. Told that her son was found wandering outside, Milligan, 28, said she had left him alone to go to Petco "because he was fine watching TV," according to police, and she thought her husband was on his way home. Milligan said she found that Petco was closed, so she stopped at a gas station, then drove home, police said.

The father of the child, an active-duty U.S. Marine, was contacted immediately and drove home from work in New Haven. He told officers that he was supposed to work all night and had told Milligan that he would not be home, police said.

Milligan was arrested on a risk of injury to a minor charge and released after posting a $1,500 bond. The state Department of Children and Families was notified and began an investigation, police said.

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Safety urged and cooling centers open for scorcher

By Jesse Leavenworth
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Cristopher Soto of Hartford found the perfect spot to stay cool during a 2018 summer heat wave in the city. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Scorching heat is expected throughout Connecticut on Saturday and Sunday, and state officials urged people, including those headed for relief in still frigid fresh or salt water, to be safe.

Temperatures in much of the state will be in the low to mid-90s both days, 20 degrees higher than normal, and the state's usual hot spots, including Windsor Locks, could reach 100, meteorologist Gary Lessor said Friday. The shoreline will be a bit cooler, with temperatures in the 80s, Lessor said. Cooler, less humid weather is forecast for Monday.

The water temperature in New London on Friday was 57, Lessor said, and water temperatures on the shore and inland will remain much colder than in the summertime, the state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection cautioned.

Most people will find the water too cold, and there is also "a very real danger of hypothermia for swimmers, particularly children, who enter the water for any extended period of time," the agency warned in a news release Friday.

Also, no lifeguards will be on duty this weekend at state parks, DEEP officials said, and water safety is everyone's responsibility.

The agency also reminded boaters that cold water temperatures create substantial dangers to the unprepared. Paddlers should exercise caution and use proper equipment, practice safety techniques, wear life jackets and avoid dangerous situations. Paddlers should always be ready for a sudden cold-water immersion.

Over the last six years, Connecticut families have grieved the deaths of seven paddlers during spring's cold water boating season, according to DEEP. To learn more, visit portal.ct.gov/deep.

Officials in Hartford and other communities are offering cool refuge in public buildings. Hartford plans to open four cooling centers, and city firefighters will hand out water to residents throughout the city.

"Please stay out of the sun during the hottest parts of the day," Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin said, "and please remember to check in on your loved ones and neighbors, especially seniors, who may be particularly affected by the heat."

The Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., will be open as a cooling center on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. On both Saturday and Sunday, cooling centers will be at North End Senior Center, 80 Coventry St., open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; South End Senior and Wellness Center, 830 Maple Ave., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Asylum Hill Church, 814 Asylum Ave., noon to 5 p.m.

In Simsbury, the library will be open Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. In West Hartford, splash pads at Fern, Kennedy, Beachland and Wolcott parks will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bloomfield will open its cooling centers at both its libraries and at the Alvin & Beatrice Wood Human Services Center.

People are urged to avoid prolonged sun exposure and to keep hydrated. Early morning and evening are the best times to be outside, so plan the day accordingly. Also, check on elderly family members and neighbors, and never leave children or pets in unattended vehicles.

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before 13 weeks, and 37.5% before six.

The poll of 1,000 voters was conducted by Emerson College for WTNH and The Hill on May 10 and 11, using calls to landlines and mobile phones and an online panel. It has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.

A Connecticut law passed in 1990 affirms a woman's right to an abortion, codifying in statute the standard set by Roe in 1973: No abortion should be banned prior to fetal viability, generally considered to be around 23 weeks.

The poll did not test voter views on whether parental notification should be required in most cases before a minor under age 16 could get an abortion.

Gov. Ned Lamont and his Republican challenger, Bob Stefanowski, each say they support maintaining the Roe standard in Connecticut, but they differ on parental notification. Stefanowski favors it; Lamont is opposed.

"I'm asking for parental modification. Thirty-seven states have it. My position on this is mainstream. Gov. Lamont is the extreme position on this topic," Stefanowski said Wednesday.

Connecticut law requires counseling for minors seeking an abortion, including a suggestion that they consult with a parent or family member. Lamont said he is persuaded that there are cases of abuse where parental notification is not realistic.

"My instinct is that 98% of people, younger people, talk to their parents if they feel comfortable, they feel like it's safe, it's the right thing to do," he said.

State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, D-West Hartford, the co-chair of the Reproductive Rights Caucus in the General Assembly, offered a rebuttal Wednesday to Stefanowski on whether there is a practical difference between parental notification and consent.

"If there is a child who feels as though they cannot speak with their parents in order to access an abortion, enacting parental notification or enacting parental consent is in effect the same thing," she said. "And so it's going to prohibit a child who needs to access abortion care from getting that care here in our state."

Stefanowski's running mate, Rep. Laura Devlin of Fairfield, recently voted for a bill that provides a "safe harbor" to women from states with restrictive abortion laws who get abortions in Connecticut, as well as the clinicians who provide them. It was signed into law by Lamont.

It also conforms state law with a 21-year-old legal opinion permitting APRNs, nurse midwives and physicians' assistants to perform first-trimester abortions by suction, the most common type of early abortion.

Stefanowski again declined to offer an opinion on the new law or whether he agreed with Devlin. "It's not my place to agree or disagree with her," Stefanowski said.

He did say he would not seek to change the new law.

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Alexa Renée in "Amy Winehouse: Back From Black" at Seven Angels Theatre. **GARY ROSENGRANT/SEVEN ANGELS THEATRE**

REVIEW "AMY WINEHOUSE: BACK FROM BLACK"

A well-managed tribute about a tragic pop figure

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

The accent. The attitude. The red bustier. The tattoos. The heels. The black trench coat. The hair. Above all, the voice.

All these elements are well represented in "Amy Winehouse: Back From Black," which brings the British bad-girl pop singer — who died from alcohol poisoning in 2011 at the age of 27 — back to life for a couple of saucy, debauched hours of powerful pop ballads.

In the show at Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury through Sunday, Winehouse doesn't explain herself or express regret or provide a distanced perspective on her mercurial music career. She sings and snarls and recreates some of her biggest successes and debacles.

Winehouse's tragically shortened life and brief pop career (of just two albums) makes a bio-musical about her both manageable and comprehensive. Unlike shows about, say, The Four Seasons or Carole King or Motown, whole decades don't have to be boiled down to a few lines of dialogue, and there's no need for medleys.

"Back From Black" offers 15 separate songs: seven from the iconic "Back to Black" album, a couple from Winehouse's debut "Frank," her rendition of the Zutons' "Valerie" (originally released on a Mark Ronson album) and other covers or obscurities. It's a good mix with some surprises (the old chestnut "Sunny Side of the Street") and some numbers where the lyrics are used to strong dramatic effect as they crisscross with the singer's real-life problems.

Winehouse's troubles include alcoholism, bulimia, self-harm, drug abuse and difficult romantic relationships. Songs such as "Rehab," "Love is a Losing Game" and "You Know I'm No Good" do not need to be tweaked at all to provide a suitable soundtrack for the singer's anecdotes and confessions.

"Back From Black" was created by married theater-makers Sarah Knapp (who directed and also wrote the expansive monologues humbly credited in the program as "continuity") and Steven M. Alper (who, as music director, crafted the song arrangements and leads the onstage seven-piece band as its pianist).

Winehouse is played with reverence by Alex Renée. She does a good job with both her singing and speaking voices, hitting their extremes without going over the top. She can also seemingly do a major costume change in a split second.

For a show about a famously reckless and self-destructive performer, "Back From Black" is formalized, straightforward and non-threatening despite the occasional cascade of swearwords. This is not necessarily a bad thing. The show becomes about the songs and about knowing that Renée will get through them with style and grace. This is a fine way to pay tribute. Not every show about a volatile rock star has to be "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

Knapp and Alper are smart to surround Renée with a larger-than-expected backing band of seven players, three of whom make up a blistering horn section, anchored by the steady, admirably understated guitar played by Brendan Saadat.

There are even a couple of backup singers who double as supporting characters in the between-songs dramatic segments. Joshua Nacionales and Moses Jacob — playing Zalon and Heshima Thompson, the real-life brothers who backed Winehouse on tour — perk up some of the numbers with strong harmonies and smooth dance moves. Unfortunately, their characters are woefully underwritten, and the pair spends much of the show in the corner shaking their heads at Amy's latest misfortunes.

That's not the only part of "Back From Black" that needs work. There's an unnecessary intermission just an hour into the show, which kills the momentum that has just started building. The second half of the show is further stalled by a too-long jam so Winehouse can introduce everyone in the band. Some of the narratives are underwhelming and whole sections are pretty thin. The set, which evokes the cemetery setting from the "Back to Black" video, is inexcusably tacky.

And yet ... those songs! Those clothes! Those shoes! That hair! Anybody paying tribute to Winehouse has plenty of tools with which to captivate, and this show offers strong musical backing and plenty of informative patter, bringing her the Amy Winehouse legacy back in some semblance of style.

"Amy Winehouse: Back From Black" runs through Sunday at Seven Angels Theatre, 1 Plank Road, Waterbury. Performances are at 8 p.m. Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $39. sevenangelstheatre.org.

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Gubernatorial candidate Stefanowski says raises for state employees are 'reasonable'

By Mark Pazniokas
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Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob Stefanowski said that the 2.5% general wage increase recently awarded to unionized state employees over the objections of GOP lawmakers was reasonable compensation.

"Two and a half is reasonable. Inflation is on the rise right now. We'll have to see what the cost of living is," Stefanowski said in his first news conference since winning the GOP convention endorsement on May 6.

His support for the raises may surprise listeners of talk radio, where Stefanowski has criticized the $1.9 billion projected cost of the new contract over four years, comparing it unfavorably to the $600 million in tax cuts in the new budget.

Stefanowski said he objected to $3,500 in bonuses in the contract that Gov. Ned Lamont has said are meant to retain employees at time when the state is facing an unusually large number of retirements in July.

Since the first $2,500 is payable this month, the description of them as retention bonuses was spurious, Stefanowski said. He said he saw the bonuses as Lamont trying to shore up support among employees he has ignored, such as correction officers.

"And then you know what? He gets in an election year, he realizes this race is tight, and all of a sudden he's Santa Claus," Stefanowski said. "You all know it — he's buying 44,000 votes. That's what he's doing. I don't

Stefanowski also asserted that corruption in Connecticut is a heavier burden on taxpayers than the income tax, sales tax or any other tax. He called it the "corruption tax."

"That's the biggest tax we have, and we have to start holding people accountable," Stefanowski said.

He was asked if he thought corruption was actually costing Connecticut billions of dollars.

"I don't know how big it is," he said. "And you know why? The reason is because the governor refuses to investigate it. If he would investigate it, and get to the bottom of it and bring some real teeth in with an inspector general, or have Attorney General [William] Tong look at it, then we would know. It could be billions of dollars."

The FBI is investigating how the state's Office of School Construction Grants & Review operated while directed by Konstantinos Diamantis, who was fired in October by the governor from his appointed post as the deputy secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. He resigned at the same time from his school construction post.

Since then, the administration has begun audits of the school construction contracts — and audits of the previous audits of those contracts.

Local officials have complained that Diamantis pressured them to use certain contractors, but Diamantis has denied any wrongdoing. No one has accused him of bribery or misdirecting state funds.

Stefanowski also faulted Lamont for the misuse of federal pandemic relief money in West Haven, where a city hall official who also was a state representative, Michael DiMassa, has been arrested on federal conspiracy and fraud charges.

Lamont has hinted that the Mayor Nancy Rossi should step down, allowing a "fresh start" for West Haven, whose finances are now under state control. But he has not demanded her resignation, as Stefanowski said he should.

"We're going to clamp down on corruption," Stefanowski said, standing outside the state Capitol. "We're going to strengthen the code of ethics. We're going to put the people of Connecticut ahead of the people in this building behind me."

He offered no specific changes to the code of ethics.

Stefanowski lost to Lamont by 3 percentage points in 2018. A telephone poll released last week by Emerson College and WTNH showed Lamont leading, 51% to 38%, with 12% undecided.

The poll was conducted May 10 and 11 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 points. Data was collected over landlines, mobile phones and from an online panel.

A digital-only poll conducted by Sacred Heart University in March gave Lamont a lead of 47.6% to 29.7%, with 22.3% undecided.

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Cop's suspension in Smith-Fields case gets reversed

Associated Press

BRIDGEPORT — An independent arbitrator says a police detective in Connecticut's largest city should have his administrative leave reversed, after he and another officer were taken off the job earlier this year amid allegations of insensitivity in their handling of separate cases in which Black women were found dead in their apartments.

In each of the two cases in Bridgeport, the families of Lauren Smith-Fields, 23, and Brenda Lee Rawls, 53, said police did not notify them of the women's deaths in a timely manner.

The arbitrator said he was "not convinced" the police department had proven "a condition exists to justify" placing Detective Angel Llanos on leave.

"The union provided a persuasive argument that the grievant's actions (or inaction) related to the December 12th (case) were no different than his actions with other similar cases," arbitrator Michael R. Ricci wrote in a ruling dated May 18.

Ricci, who said there was no evidence Llanos had violated the department's death notification policy, ordered the veteran officer to be offered 12 hours of overtime opportunities to be made whole for the past 16 weeks he's been on leave and eight hours of overtime opportunities for each week until the city returns him to work.

Mayor Joe Ganim, a Democrat, released a video statement in January saying he had directed the department's deputy police chief to place Llanos and Detective Kevin Cronin on leave while an internal investigation into the handling of the women's deaths was being conducted. He apologized to the women's families, calling it an "unacceptable failure" if police department policies involving the death of a family member were not followed.

A message was left with Ganim's office seeking comment about the arbitrator's decision.

Brad Seely, president of the Bridgeport Police Union/AFSCME Local 1159, urged the mayor and the city to abide by the arbitrator's ruling.

"Arbitrator Ricci's decision demonstrates Mayor Ganim acted inappropriately in ordering Detective Llanos, 33-year veteran with an impeccable career, to be placed on administrative leave for his response to the untimely and tragic death of Brenda Rawls," Seely said in a written statement. "This was a clear case of the City denying an employee their rights under collective bargaining."

The union has also filed a grievance concerning Cronin.

Public outcry over the women's deaths and how they were handled prompted the General Assembly to recently pass a bill that requires law enforcement to notify a deceased person's family "as soon as practicable" but within 24 hours after identifying the body. The bill, which is awaiting Democratic Gov. Ned Lamont's signature, also requires the Office of the Inspector General to investigate any failure to report a death as required by the bill



Lauren Smith-Fields, shown in an undated photo, was found dead in her apartment in Bridgeport on Dec. 12 after a Bumble date. Her family says they didn't learn of her death until nearly two days later. **COURTESY**

Starting on June 1, families can apply for new child rebate

By Associated Press

HARTFORD — Eligible families can begin applying next month for Connecticut's new one-year child tax rebate program that's included in the newly revised state budget, Gov. Ned Lamont announced Thursday.

Rebates of up to $250 per child are expected to be issued in late August. The rebates will be provided for up to three children per family. While any Connecticut resident who claimed at least one dependent child under the age of 18 on their 2021 federal income tax return may be eligible for the rebate, the amounts are dictated by income.

To receive the maximum amount, the income threshold is $100,000 or less for those single or married filing separately; $169,000 or less for those filing as head of household; and $200,000 for those married filing jointly. Those with higher incomes may be eligible to receive a reduced rebate.

The Department of Revenue Services will accept applications from June 1 through July 31.

Families can apply online on the DRS website and click on the "2022 CT Child Tax Rebate" icon. DRS is reaching out this week about the program to more than 300,000 households in the state that may meet the eligibility requirements.

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Bono, from left, Scholas Occurrentes' President Jose Maria Del Corral and Pope Francis are seen during a Scholas Occurrentes event Thursday in Rome. **ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP**

Bono cheers papal education program

From news services

U2 frontman Bono hailed Pope Francis for promoting "inclusivity" on Thursday as he met with the pontiff in Rome alongside students attending an educational program launched by the pope.

Francis has promoted the Scholas Occurrentes (Schools of Meeting) program since he was archbishop in Buenos Aires and recently upgraded its status in the church to make it a private association of the faithful.

Bono praised the pope for creating the program and its emphasis on the education of girls.

"Girls' education was a superpower. It is a superpower in fighting extreme poverty," Bono said.

Sheeran announces birth of daughter: British singer-songerwriter Ed Sheeran has announced the birth of his second daughter, saying he and his wife, Cherry Seaborn, were "over the moon" at the baby's arrival. The Grammy winner posted a picture of baby socks on his Instagram.

"We are both so in love with her," Sheeran, 31, said in the Thursday post, without giving the child's name or saying when she was born.

The couple welcomed their first daughter, Lyra Antarctica Seaborn Sheeran, in August 2020.

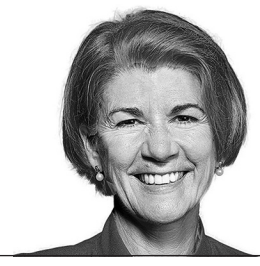
Meanwhile, reports say Rihanna welcomed a son: Rihanna and A$AP Rocky have welcomed a baby boy, according to multiple reports. The couple became parents May 13 in Los Angeles, said TMZ, the first to report the birth Thursday based on unnamed sources. A representative for Rihanna did not immediately return a request seeking confirmation. People magazine, citing an unnamed source, said A$AP and Rihanna are home in Los Angeles with the baby, their first.

Composer Vangelis dies: Vangelis, the Greek electronic composer who wrote the unforgettable Academy Award-winning score for the film "Chariots of Fire" and music for dozens of other movies, documentaries and TV series, has died at age 79.

Greek media reported that Vangelis — born Evangelos Odysseas Papathanassiou — died in a French hospital Tuesday.

The opening credits of "Chariots of Fire" roll as a bunch of young runners progress in slow motion across a beach in Scotland, as a lazy, beat-backed tune rises to a magisterial declamation. It's one of the most instantly recognizable musical themes in cinema — and its standing in popular culture has only been confirmed by the host of spoofs it has sired.

May 21 birthdays: Singer Ron Isley is 81. Actor Carol Potter is 74. Singer Leo Sayer is 74. Actor Mr. T is 70. Actor Judge Reinhold is 65. Director Nick Cassavetes is 63. Actor Lisa Edelstein is 56. Musician Mikel Jollett is 48. Rapper Havoc is 48. Actor Sunkrish Bala is 38. Actor David Ajala is 36. Actor Sarah Ramos is 31.



ASK AMY

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Sexuality a factor as partner mulls breakup

Dear Amy: I have been in a 20-year relationship with a wonderful man who has been there for me — through thick and thin.

We raised my children together and are now enjoying our grandchildren.

I have been very unhappy in the relationship for the last few years because I've fallen out of love with him.

I don't want to have the grandbabies lose out on a wonderful grandfather because he will leave the country if we split up, but I want to be happy, too.

I've always liked women, but I didn't want my mother to take my children away from me if I lived my true self, so when I met him, and we decided to get together, I honestly wanted to grow old with him.

Now my children are grown, and I feel like I deserve to be happy. I just don't want to break a good man's heart.

How can I have both things that I want?

— Lost in the Closet

Dear Lost: You may not be able to have everything you want. Because of your life experience, you already know this, but the only way to find out what you can have is to start living your truth by being honest with your partner.

You will then have to deal with his reaction to your disclosure.

I know of many instances where, relatively late in life, people choose to reconfigure their family system to accommodate less-traditional structures and situations.

There is no requirement that your partner should leave your family system — unless he wants to.

I hope you will find a way to sincerely convey your desire to remain in a loving relationship with him so that he can remain an important member of the family.

Dear Amy: I have planned a big party for my husband's landmark birthday in two months.

This is going to be a sit-down dinner. We invited 80 family members and close friends. About half the guest list is family. The rest are friends.

I have had at least four people inform me that they will be bringing additional people, who they believed we would enjoy seeing.

My husband has also had two friends ask if they could bring one of their adult children and possibly their kids' spouses.

He told them he would talk to me and get back to them.

We are so fortunate to have so many friends that want to share this celebration with us, but we had to draw a line, as we are not rich and also the venue has a limit of 85. We will be paying for this event.

Neither of us want to hurt anyone's feelings, but isn't it rude and presumptuous to invite people to someone else's party?

What should we do?

— Losing Sleep

Dear Losing Sleep: The last time this happened to me (and it happens to all hosts), I also lost sleep over the question of how to respond to people who wanted to bring extra guests — some of whom were people I'd never met.

And then one day I woke up and decided that it was "no" day.

I told people, "I'm so sorry — but it won't be possible for you to bring an extra guest, but I hope you'll still be able to come. Just let me know."

Every single person responded with a version of this: "OK, no problem. Hey, it doesn't hurt to ask!"

What people don't realize is that when they ask, they shift the burden onto an already nerve-wracked host.

Deliver your response quickly and cheerfully. Understand, too, that some people will drop out at the last minute, and some will bring extras, anyway.

Dear Amy: "At a Loss in Colorado" shared some biographical essays, and then got angry when her friend didn't offer comments about her writing.

While I agreed with your response, I believe you left something out: This friend might not have read the writer's work at all.

I know I wouldn't.

— Hesitant

Dear Hesitant: The risk of pressing your writing on someone is that they won't like it — or even read it.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Lamar delivers liberating message

By Mikael Wood
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'Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers'
Kendrick Lamar (pgLang/Top Dawg Entertainment/Aftermath/Interscope Records)

Kendrick Lamar is not the man — and definitely not the hero — we thought he was.

That's the painful yet liberating message embedded in the confessions, promises, demands and recriminations of "Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers," the daring new album from the rapper, 34, who has shouldered more expectations over the last decade than any other hip-hop superstar.

The 18-track set — split into halves on streaming services like Spotify — arrives five years after Lamar's previous studio album, "Damn," which spun off hit radio singles, won a Pulitzer Prize and led to a gig assembling the Oscar-nominated soundtrack to the 2018 "Black Panther" movie.

But if his success pushed him into a voice-of-a-generation role he once seemed eager to fill — "Heavy is the head that chose to wear the crown," he says at one point here, adding a crucial note of volition to the Shakespeare he's paraphrasing — the forced introspection of the pandemic has reoriented the scope and focus of his work. What he found when searching within clearly left him with doubts about his suitability, not to mention his desire, to articulate grand communal ideas about family, religion, politics and Black identity.

"I've been going through something," he declares over a jittery piano lick in the LP's opener, "United in Grief." Then he adds: "Be afraid."

"Mr. Morale & the Big Steppers" is framed as a kind of extended therapy session, one Lamar has undertaken at the behest of a female presence voiced by his real-life romantic partner, Whitney Alford, who appears on the album's cover along with Lamar and their two young children.

The MC starts out pondering his addiction to sex but also examines his materialism and his fraught relationship with his father; "We Cry Together" dramatizes a brutal fight between him and a lover. "Auntie Diaries" traces the long arc of his experiences with two transgender relatives, including the callousness with which he used a homophobic slur as a child. And the epic "Mother I Sober," which features a rare vocal performance by Beth Gibbons of Portishead, locates Lamar's place — as a witness and a possible victim — in a family legacy of domestic sexual abuse.

"I wish I was somebody/Anybody but myself," Gibbons sings, so quietly as to sound like a thought in the back of Lamar's head.

The varied production, by an expansive crew that includes longtime collaborators such as Sounwave and DJ Dahi, shifts along with Lamar, alternately bulking up with heavy drums and thick keys and stripping down to strings and piano. Ghostly vocals by singer Sam Dew are threaded throughout the album, and there are striking guest turns by Sampha, Lamar's cousin Baby Keem, and the unlikely pairing of Summer Walker and Ghostface Killah, who team with Lamar for "Purple Hearts," a woozy R&B cut.

Lamar's intricately plotted narratives set him apart from much of modern hip-hop, which prizes vibe over storytelling; here, as distinct from the sleekly commercial "Damn," the music can feel just as out-there, with songs that lurch between beats and songs that have no beats at all.

All this self-laceration comes with an amount of indignation. Lamar raps repeatedly about cancel culture — he thinks it's a real thing, and he's not a fan — and in musing on his own moral failures he goes so far as to wonder whether R. Kelly, a convicted sex offender, has been unfairly treated. He also lends his platform to rapper Kodak Black, who has been accused of sexual assault; what's more, Lamar seems to have sought out Kodak not in spite of the charges but because of them — because of the opportunity Kodak offers to engage thoughts of forgiveness.

If this calls to mind Ye's recruiting Marilyn Manson to appear on last year's "Donda," it should; the two acts — the two provocations — are functionally the same. What distinguishes them is the context: Where few would say Ye — the rapper formerly known as Kanye West — has much virtue to spread around these days, Lamar is regarded by many as a saint.

That's a mistake, he argues over and over on "Mr. Morale," never more succinctly than on "Savior," which insists he's not one. "I rubbed elbows with people that was for the people," he raps, before deciding, "They all greedy." He sounds disappointed but not surprised.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Telling people what they want to hear could be easy for you now. While you might enjoy the flurry of conversation, don't let it lure you into doing something that's not a good fit for you. You have the right to say no to things that aren't in your budget.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Being aware of what you have could be the first step toward making the best decisions about it. Perhaps you'll even expand it with an acquisition you've been considering. While knowing what the outside world values is necessary, what you enjoy should cast the deciding vote.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You're likely to be the center of attention today. People may be interested if they feel like they're learning something important, so share something that matters. If you leave space for the possibility that your audience can teach you, you can make the most out of this moment.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Your attention might be on intense topics now, but finding people to talk about them with you could be the hard part. However, sharing indiscriminately may lead to drama, as some in your network probably aren't in a productive headspace. Choose your audience judiciously.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Bonding over a common cause or philosophy is a great way to build a relationship today. From this foundation, you can make an effort to get better acquainted. While opening up could still be a little awkward, doing so can bring a beneficial dose of reality to your grand commitment.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ambition is likely to be a prime concern for you today. Perhaps you're ready to get the word out about your achievements! Your biggest block could be your own ideas of what's proper. Let someone know more about you — that can result in a collaboration that benefits everyone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You're likely in the mood to share a fun experience today. Inviting someone you wouldn't normally do this stuff with could be rewarding, but changing boundaries still has the potential for awkwardness. Go slowly enough to make sure everyone is having a good time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Tackling a bureaucratic matter that's been hanging over your head could go well for you now. You're likely to have patience — and sometimes patience is the most vital ingredient for success. Know when to work alone though, because another person could get in the way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Other people might seem to be distracting you from your responsibilities at the moment. Still, before you get upset with them, look at how you're contributing to the dynamic. If you'd rather be chatting than focusing on your work, just be honest. A break may be more possible than you think.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your practical approach to life is likely to get things done today. You're motivated by a desire for comfort. However, know when to stop chasing after every last detail. Sometimes you need to relax before you can see your next steps, so don't feel guilty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Coming up with a creative solution for an impossible dilemma may be important now. You could drive everyone around you crazy if they don't understand what's going on. However, if you tell them what you're struggling with, they'll likely be willing to help you find clarity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Minding your own business can help you stay out of trouble today. Think about your motivations! If you're hoping that your ability to supply information will make people want to be close to you, remember that a reliable sense of security can only come from within.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On May 21, 1881, Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean as she landed in Northern Ireland, about 15 hours after leaving Newfoundland.

In 1955, Chuck Berry recorded his first single, "Maybellene," for Chess Records in Chicago.

In 1972, Michelangelo's Pieta, on display at the Vatican, was damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ.

In 1991, former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by a suicide bomber.

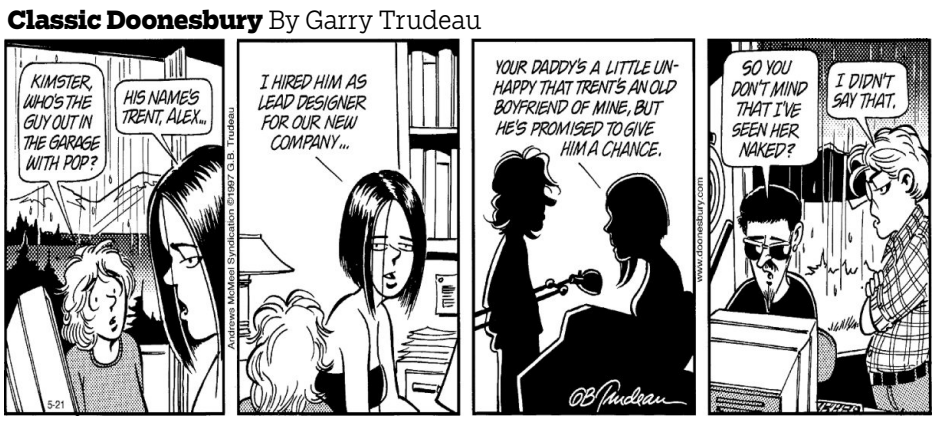
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In 2020, a Michigan judge sided with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a challenge to her authority to order restrictions during the coronavirus outbreak.

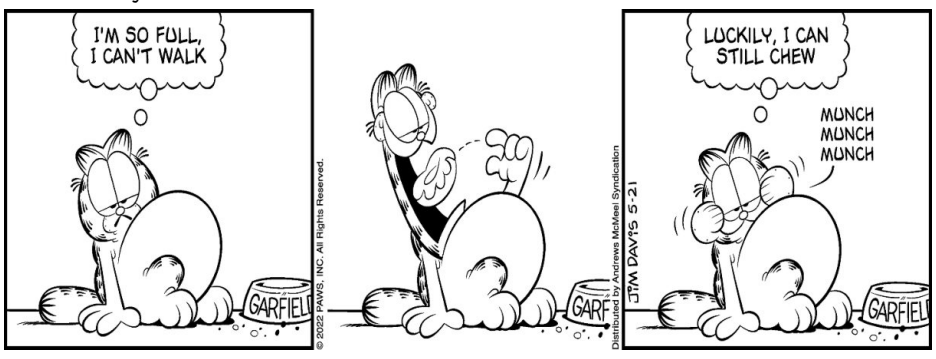
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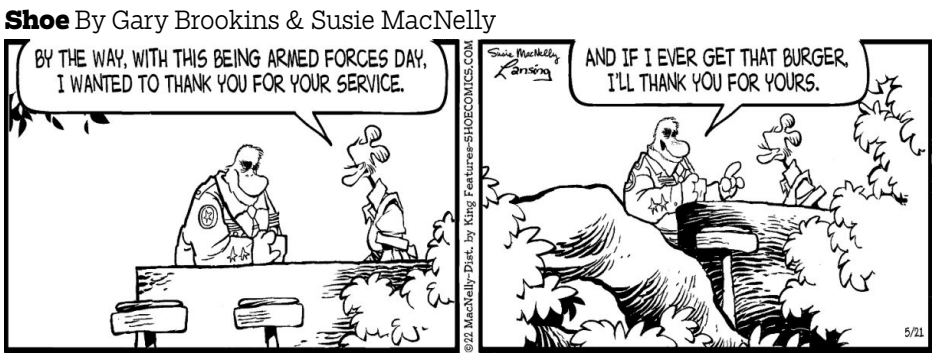
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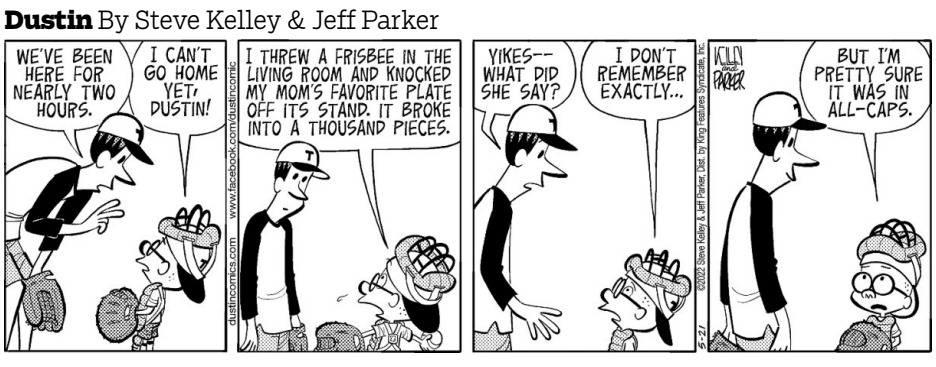
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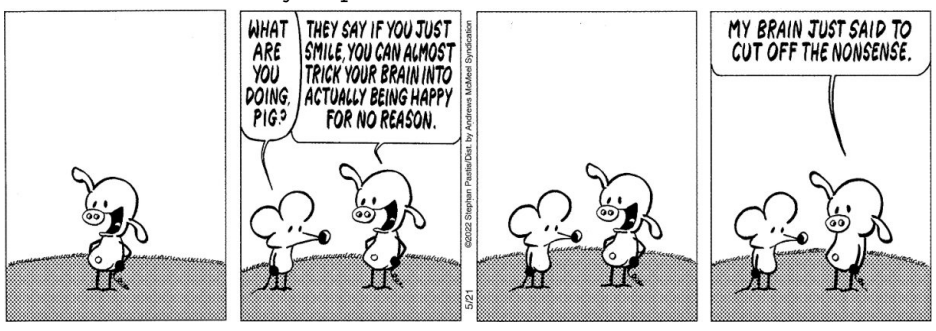
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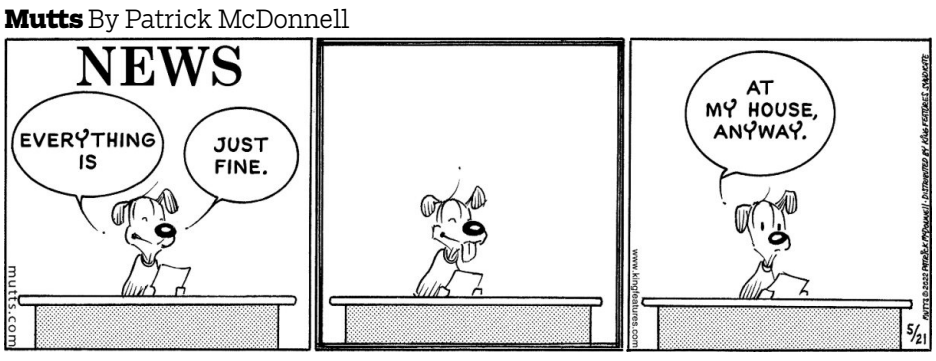
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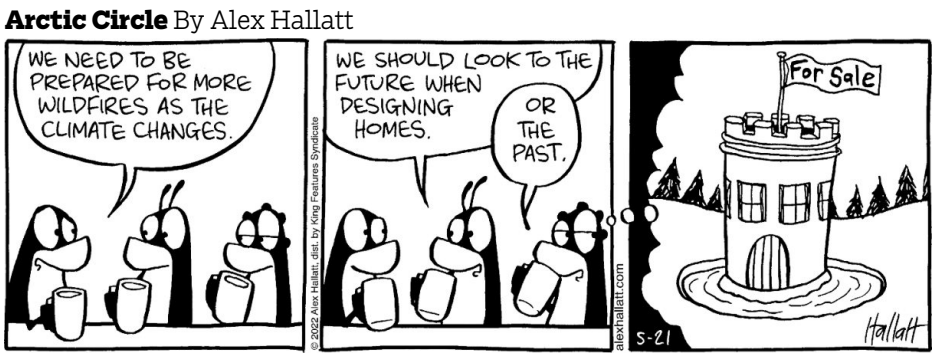
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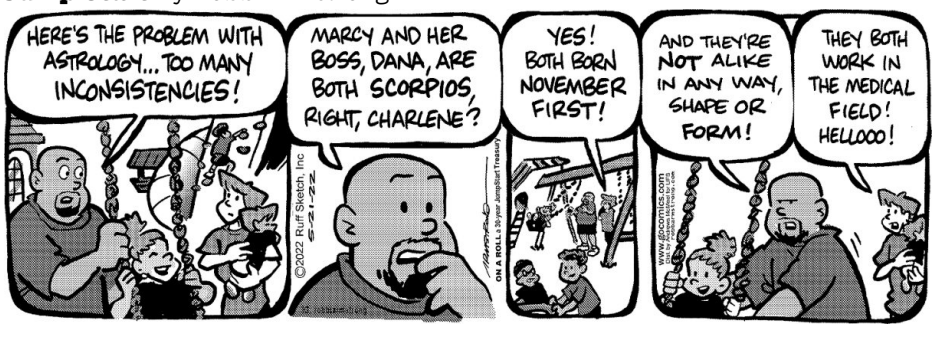
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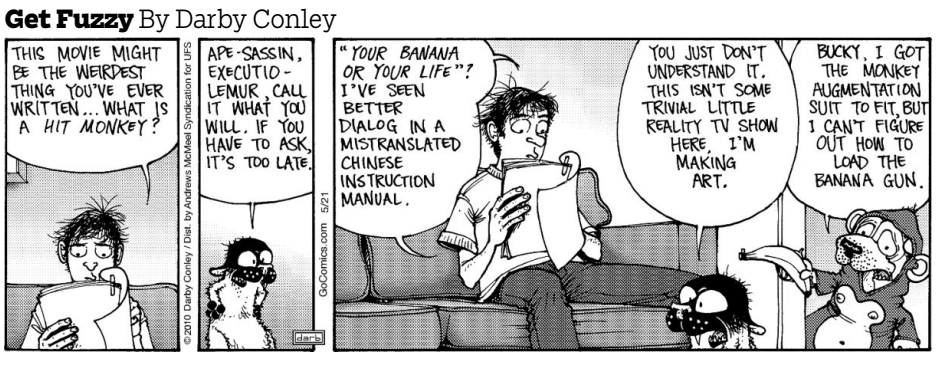
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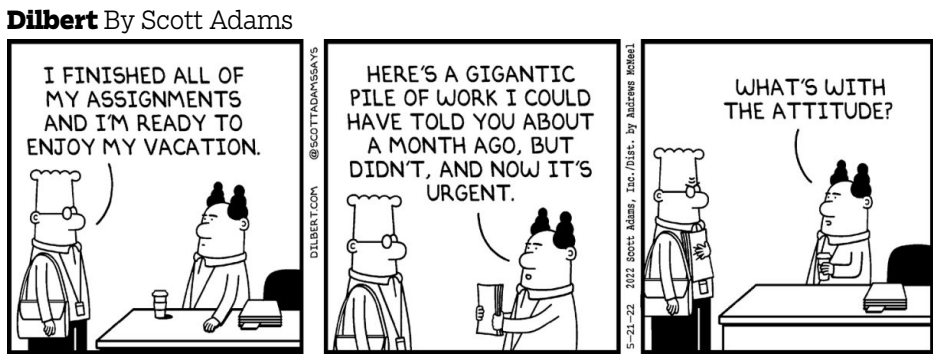
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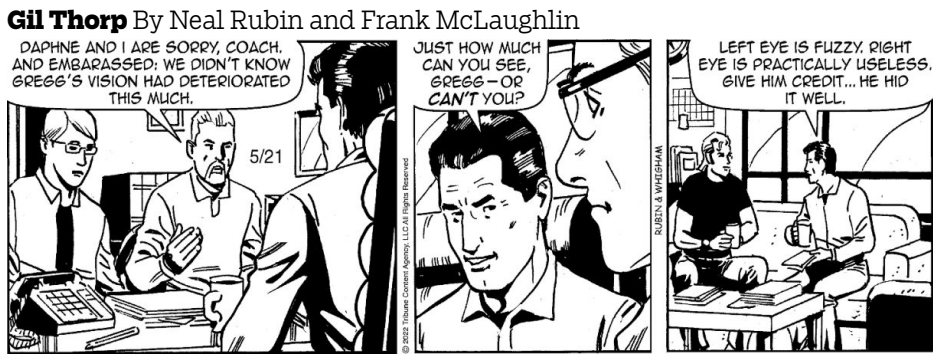
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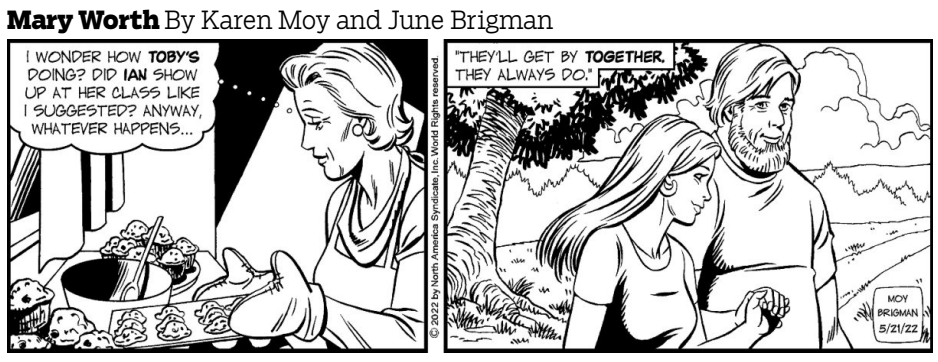
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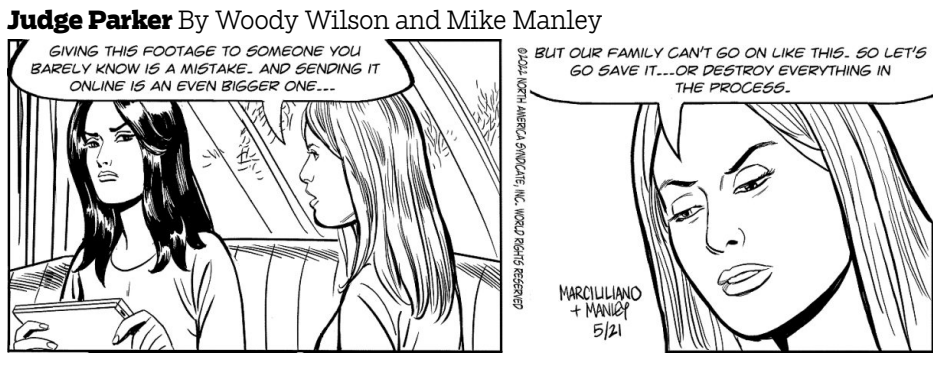
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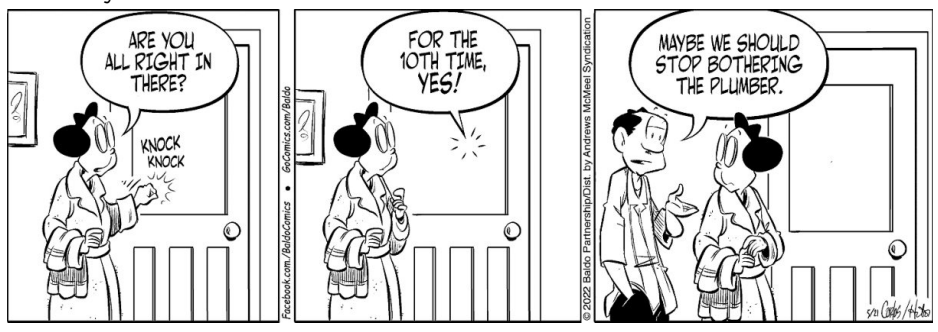
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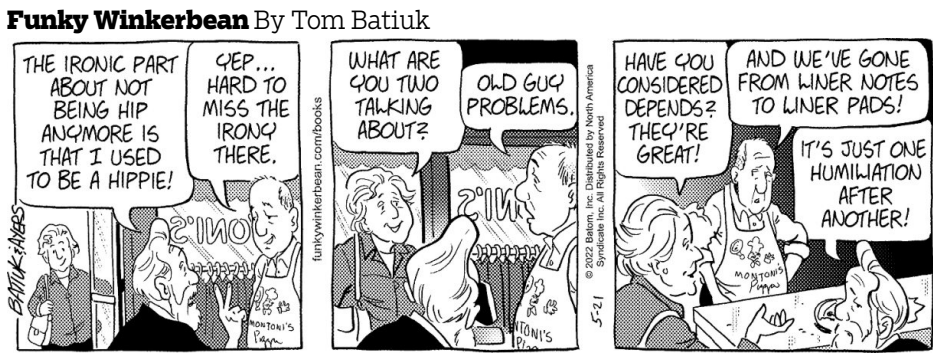
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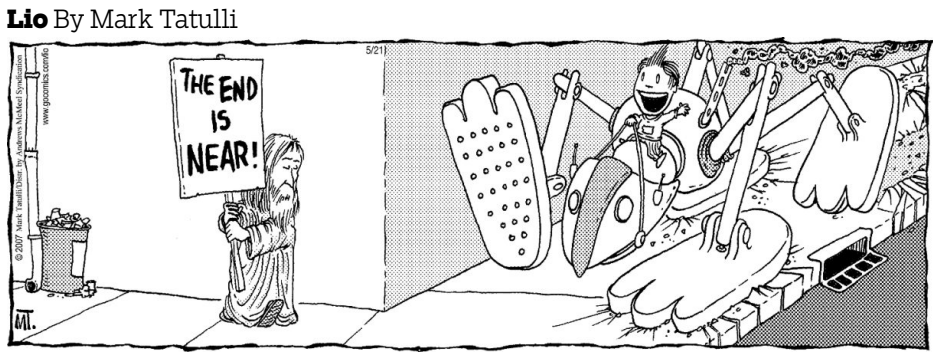
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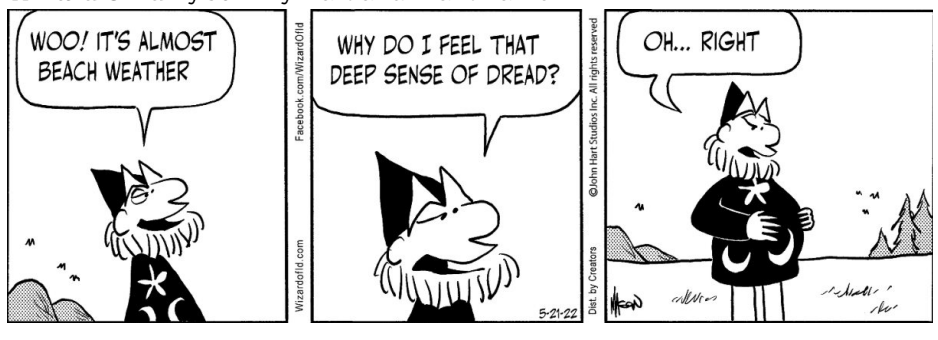
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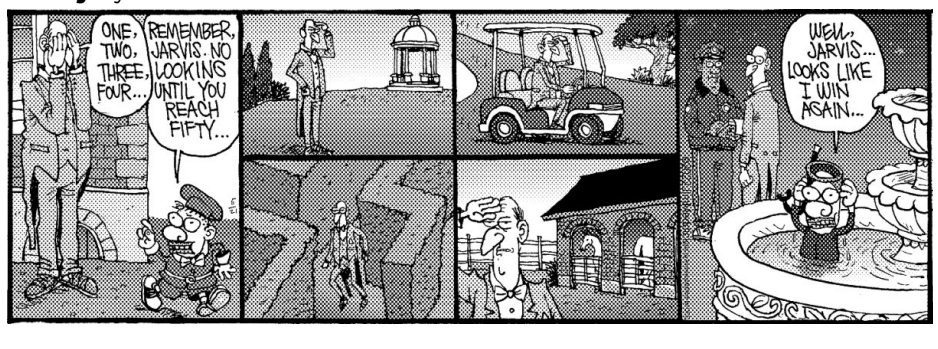
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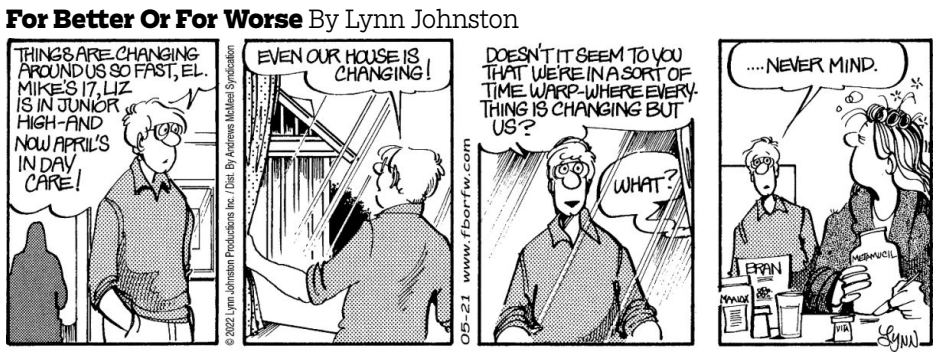
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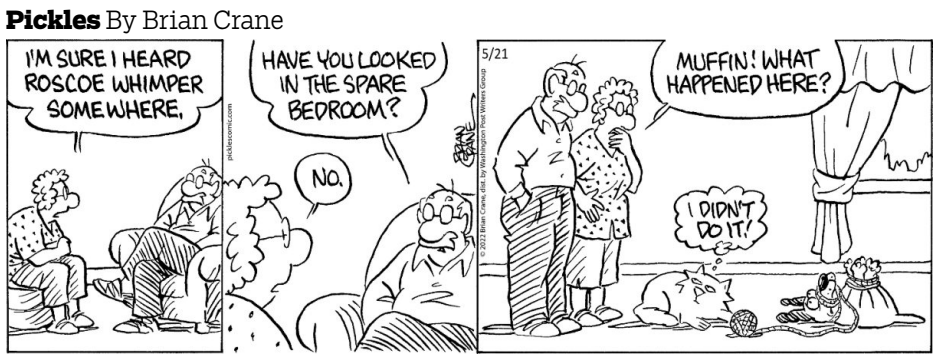
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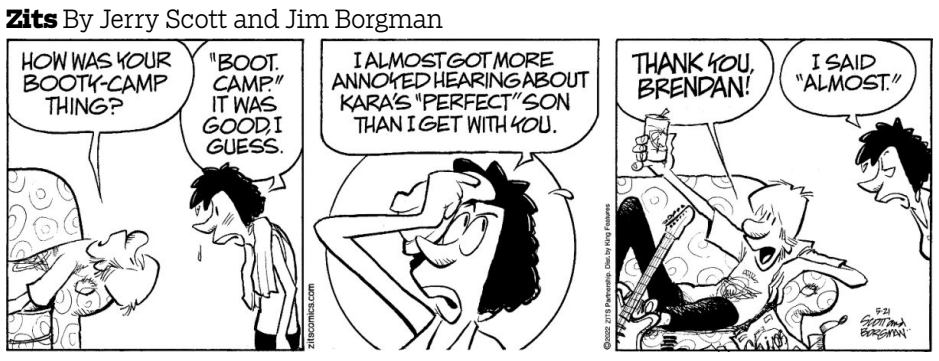
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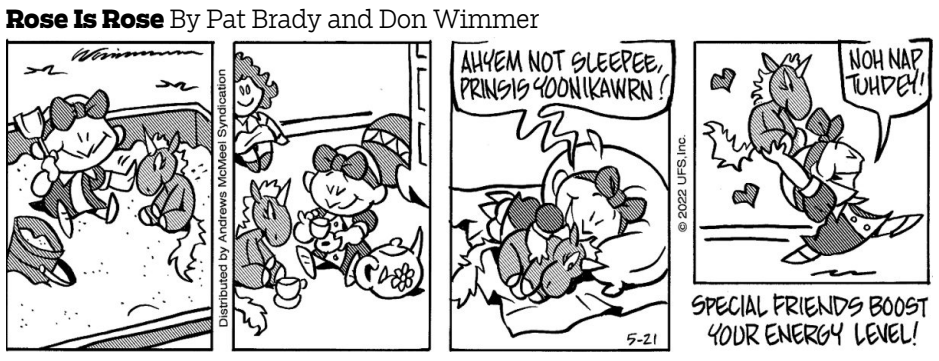
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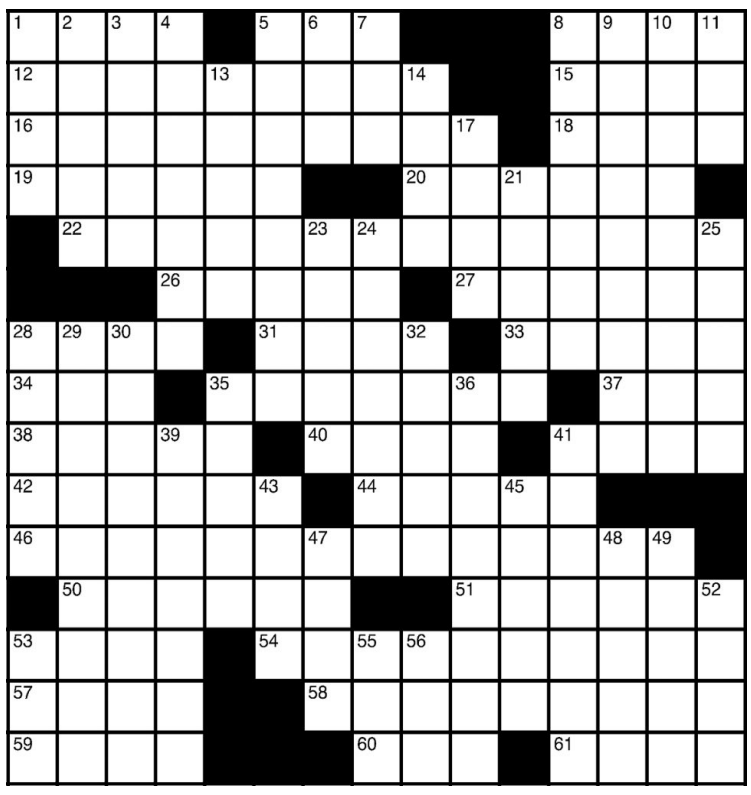
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Across

1 Support that's often rigged
5 Role, metaphorically
8 Pair sharing a <3 necklace, probably
12 Instruments in some Gershwin works
15 "I don't mind __ / Except as meals. / And the way they feels": Nash
16 Tabula rasa
18 Joie de vivre
19 Susan who wrote, "The writer's first job is not to have opinions but to tell the truth"
20 Sources of fleeting joy?
22 "Wrong hand, silly"
26 Active front?
27 Postulant
28 Grace period?
31 "Toodles!"
33 Tree on the Lebanese flag
34 Latin law
35 Place to get high and pass out?
37 Rx writers, often
38 Device that requires spin control
40 Inoculation fluids
41 Literary alter ego
42 Self-consoling sigh
44 Animal in Aboriginal cave paintings
46 Line on a handwriting test
50 One of two tarot card groups
51 Went viral
53 State whose road signs feature 8-Downs
54 Academic term
57 Nice parent
58 Dessert with a high point
59 Son of Hera
60 GRE org.
61 Like a fly ball to the warning track

Down

1 Safari runners
2 Heterogenous union
3 One working with a dictator
4 Perfectly
5 Lacks options
6 Rose up on stage
7 Leaves in a pot
8 Symbol of 53-Across
9 Was awash in euphoria
10 Study aid
11 Three-part fig.
13 Bag
14 Eyelid issue
17 Make dough or bread
21 Earthenware vessel
23 Bags
24 Breeding grounds
25 Clipped
28 Wiped out
29 One having a cow?
30 Not well-done in the least
32 Derived from gold
35 Brandon __: Hilary Swank's "Boys Don't Cry" role
36 Tiny tech powering Iron Man and Black Panther's suits
39 Tours of duty
41 Sweet
43 Fox holes
45 "Mine! Mine! Mine!" criers in "Finding Nemo"
47 Small pouches
48 Poetic contraction
49 Polished
52 Get set
53 Actress Thurman
55 Rowing implement?
56 Many times o'er



By Jeff Chen and Christina Iverson — Tribune Content Agency 5/21/22

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q
♥ J 9 7 4
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 9 8 4 3

WEST
♠ A K J 10 3
♥ —
♦ 9 8 6 3
♣ Q 10 7 2

EAST
♠ 9 8 7 5 4 2
♥ 5 3
♦ 7 4 2
♣ J 6

SOUTH
♠ —
♥ A K Q 10 8 6 2
♦ A K J
♣ A K 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♣*	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♥	6 ♠
7 ♥			

*strong, artificial

Opening lead — king of spades.

Good to the last drop

Assume you and your partner get to seven hearts on the bidding shown and West leads the king of spades. You ruff, and probably your first reaction after seeing dummy is the sinking feeling that you have to go down one, as there seems to be no way to avoid a club loser.

Perhaps your second reaction would be a feeling of regret that you hadn't doubled six spades, which from your viewpoint would most likely have gone down three or four tricks.

But your third reaction is the most important of all. You should stop worrying about what you could or should have done and instead concentrate on the business at hand — to try to make seven hearts.

And if you think hard enough, you come up with a distinct possibility. So you run the rest of your trumps, and, having done so, you arrive at this position:

NORTH
♠ Q
♦ Q 10 5
♣ 9 8

WEST
♠ A
♦ 9 8
♣ Q 10 7

EAST
♠ 9
♦ 7 4 2
♣ J 6

SOUTH
♦ A K J
♣ A K 5

You now cash the A-K-Q of diamonds, ending in dummy. This is no hardship at all on you but observe what happens to West as you play the diamonds. He follows suit to the A-K, but what does he do when you lead the jack of diamonds to dummy's queen? Whether he discards the spade ace or a club, you wind up making the grand slam.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

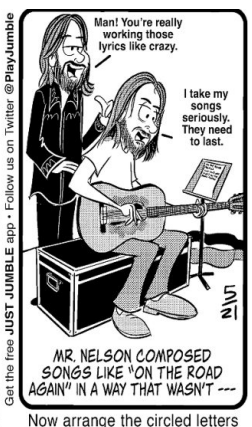
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LMITI

MPIYL

GNOREL

WGLEGA



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"◯◯◯◯◯◯" - ◯◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: IGLOO SLOSH NOGGIN UTOPIA
Answer: The train was late, and their final goodbye on the train platform was going to — LAST SO LONG

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TODAY'S SUDOKU

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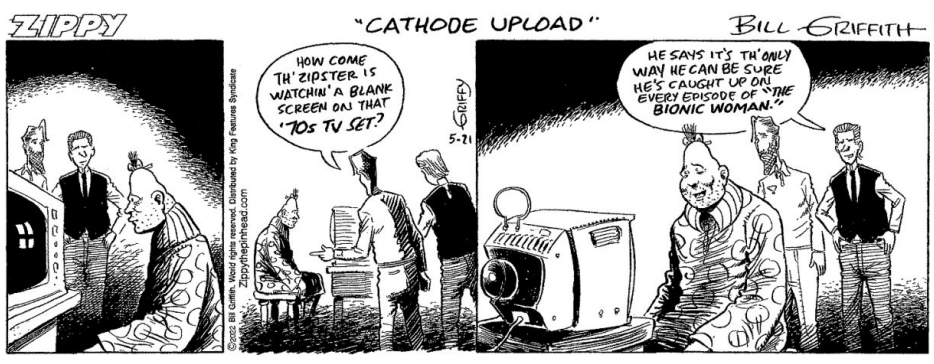
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit **www.sudoku.org.uk**

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

8	3	5	1	4	6	2	7	9
9	4	1	8	2	7	5	6	3
2	6	7	3	5	9	8	4	1
3	2	8	9	1	4	6	5	7
1	5	4	7	6	2	9	3	8
7	9	6	5	8	3	4	1	2
4	8	3	6	9	1	7	2	5
5	7	2	4	3	8	1	9	6
6	1	9	2	7	5	3	8	4

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE

A	C	T		R	I	L	E		A	P	P	E	A	L
C	H	A	R	A	D	E	S		G	R	I	L	L	E
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WNBA SUN 94, FEVER 85

Third-quarter surge puts Fever away

By Lila Bromberg
Hartford Courant

UNCASVILLE — Alyssa Thomas rose up behind Indiana Fever guard Tiffany Mitchell and ferociously blocked her layup attempt. Met with a roar from the Mohegan Sun Arena crowd, Thomas flexed and chest-bumped teammate DiJonai Carrington.

After the Sun forced a shot-clock violation on the ensuing inbounds play, Brionna Jones carried that edge over to the offensive side of the floor, scoring an and-one bucket to extend the Connecticut Sun's lead to double digits.

The Sun had let the young Fever squad hang around all night, looking lackadaisical at times, before going on a 21-8 run over the last seven minutes of the third quarter to create some much needed breathing room. They went on to win Friday night's contest 94-85 at Mohegan Sun Arena.

Jonquel Jones led Connecticut in scoring with 19 points, along with eight rebounds and two assists. DeWanna Bonner had 18 points, four assists and three rebounds while Thomas had 17 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals. Off the bench, Brionna Jones and Carrington each had 11.

Though Connecticut (3-1) went on to win handily, until the third quarter it was Indiana (2-5) that seemed in control.

Sun head coach and general manager Curt Miller cautioned his players about the fearlessness and energy of the young Fever squad featuring five rookies (though No. 2 overall draft pick NaLyssa Smith was out with an ankle injury). Those characteristics proved true early as Indiana hung around with Connecticut despite the lack of experience.

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Sun guard Jasmine Thomas (5) reacts to the contact from Fever forward Emily Engstler (21) during a game Friday in Uncasville. **SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP**

NHL PLAYOFFS RANGERS VS. HURRICANES



CHRIS SEWARD/AP

CHECKING OUT

Hurricanes defenseman Brendan Smith (7) checks Rangers center Filip Chytil (72) during the first period in Game 2 of a Stanley Cup second-round playoff series Friday in Raleigh, North Carolina. The game was not over in time for this edition. Go to **courant.com/sports** for the result.

GOLF PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Zalatoris surges to lead with calmer winds

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — The wind finally relented Friday in the PGA Championship. Will Zalatoris never did.

From the fairway or the rough, Zalatoris kept hitting the golf ball on the button at Southern Hills and took advantage of gentler conditions late in the afternoon for a 4-under 66, giving him a one-shot lead over Mito Pereira of Chile.

The weekend will include Tiger Woods in his second straight major, a remarkable achievement in its own right.

Playing on a battered right leg from his car crash 15 months ago, Woods was outside the cut line after a double bogey on the par-3 11th hole. He played the final seven holes with two birdies and a pair of 15-foot par saves for a 69 to make it with one shot to spare.

But he's 12 shots away from Zalatoris, the 25-year-old from Dallas who is built like a 1-iron and could probably hit one flush with his eyes closed.

No doubt, Zalatoris and his entire side of the draw was helped when wind that gusted over 30 mph Friday morning laid down over the final two hours.

Bubba Watson had a shot at the first 62 in PGA Championship history. He missed from just inside 25 feet on the 18th hole and had to settle for the 18th round of 63 in this major, and the third at Southern Hills. He joined Woods (2007) and Raymond Floyd (1982).

Pereira also had a chance at 63, missing from 7 feet on the ninth hole to close his round.

"I lucked out with the draw, for

Turn to PGA, *Page 4*

Leader cards

Second Round				
Par out	**444**	**453**	**434**	**- 35**
Zalatoris	344	453	434	- 34
Pereira	434	343	334	- 31
Thomas	444	443	433	- 33
Par in	**434**	**534**	**444**	**- 35**
Zalatoris	423	434	434	- 31
Pereira	325	534	344	- 33
Thomas	334	444	444	- 34

NBA PLAYOFFS CELTICS VS. HEAT

Bounce-back artists

Celtics haven't lost consecutive games since end of March, keeping trend alive with Game 2 rout

By Mark Murphy
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The Celtics last lost consecutive games on March 28 and March 30 to Toronto and, curiously enough, Miami.

Since a Jan. 6 loss to New York — generally acknowledged by players and coaches as the low point that triggered a wild season-closing run — they have only lost consecutive games twice.

But thus far not in the playoffs. Thursday night's Game 2 rout of Miami — following a Game 1 loss that featured a garish third-quarter collapse — was a replay of their Game 2 win over Milwaukee in the previous conference semifinals series.

They remain the second-half team that refuses to give in. The Celtics had enough of that failing in the first half. At 24, Jayson Tatum has already seen just about everything short of a trip to the NBA Finals, and he finds something inspiring in all of this.

"Since I've been in the NBA, the difference between the years that we've been really good and not so good, (is) just how you respond," the Celtics star said after his

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Up next

Heat at Celtics: East finals, Game 3, 8:30 p.m., ESPN



Preakness favorite Epicenter works out on the Pimlico track Thursday morning. **JERRY JACKSON/BALTIMORE SUN**

Preakness Stakes

Where: Pimlico Race Course, Baltimore
When: Approx. 7:01 p.m.
TV: NBC (coverage begins at 4 p.m)

THE FIELD

Post position, horse	Odds
1. Simplification	6-1
2. Creative Minister	10-1
3. Fenwick	50-1
4. Secret Oath	9-2
5. Early Voting	7-2
6. Happy Jack	30-1
7. Armagnac	12-1
8. Epicenter	**6-5**
9. Skippylongstocking	20-1

HORSE RACING PREAKNESS STAKES

Near-record heat another major test for Epicenter

By Stephen Whyno
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Epicenter lost the Kentucky Derby because of a hot pace.

Now he'll face hot temperatures in the Preakness.

Two weeks after getting passed by 80-1 long shot Rich Strike just before the finish line at the Derby, Epicenter goes into Saturday's Preakness as the favorite and clearly the class of the nine-horse field. In a race without Rich Strike and no chance at a Triple Crown, there is still some buzz largely because of filly Secret Oath and that it will be a test of whether Epicenter can beat the heat that could approach a record high.

"You handle what you have control over and put yourself in the best position possible and try to eliminate as many variables that could get in the way of that," Epicenter trainer Steve Asmussen said. "If it's actually 95, 96 degrees here, and we know it can be pretty sticky when it gets warm in Baltimore, so I think that all of them are going to have to deal with that.

"He's a big horse turning back in 14 days, so just make sure he's drinking plenty of water and hydrated, just like your kids."

The National Weather Service is forecasting a high of 94 degrees Fahrenheit (34.4 Celsius) for Saturday afternoon, with just a slight dip before the 7:01 p.m. EDT post time for the 147th running of the Preakness. The record is 96, set in 1934 when High Quest won the race.

Epicenter is the morning line 6-5 favorite to join that list of Preak-

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

Celtics: Eastern Conference Finals: vs. Miami (Game 3), Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; vs. Miami (Game 4), Monday, 8:30 p.m.; at Miami (Game 5), Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.
Rangers: NHL Second Round: vs. Hurricanes (Game 3), Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; vs. Hurricanes (Game 4), Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Hurricanes (Game 5, if necessary), Thursday, time TBD
Red Sox: Mariners, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Mariners, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; at White Sox, Tuesday, 8 p.m.
Yankees: White Sox, Saturday, 1 p.m.; White Sox, Sunday, 7 p.m.; Orioles, Monday, 7 p.m.
Mets: at Rockies (2), Saturday, 3 p.m.; at Rockies, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Giants, Monday, 9:45 p.m.
Yard Goats: at Bowie, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.; at Bowie, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Richmond, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.
Sun: at Fever, Sunday, 2 p.m.; Wings, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Mystics, May 28, 7 p.m.
Hartford Athletic: at Tulsa, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Phoenix, May 28, 7 p.m.; at El Paso, June 4, 9:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
1:30 p.m.: NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series SRS Distribution 250. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR All-Star Race, Qualifying. (Live) FS1
BASEBALL
12 p.m.: Virginia at Louisville. (Live) ACC
1 p.m.: White Sox at Yankees. (Live), YES. Radio: 97.9
2 p.m.: LSU at Vanderbilt. (Live) SEC
3 p.m.: Reds at Jays. (Live) SPRTNET
3 p.m.: Mets at Rockies. (Live), SNY. Radio: 880
4 p.m.: Mariners at Red Sox. (Live), NESN. Radio: 1080
4 p.m.: Padres at Giants. (Live) FS1
7 p.m.: Mets at Rockies. (Live), WPIX. Radio: 880
9 p.m.: Indiana at Iowa. (Live) ESPNU
9 p.m.: Athletics at Angels. (Live) FS1
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: Basketball Africa League First Quarterfinal: Forces Armées et Police Basketball vs Rwanda Energy Group. (Live) NBA
3 p.m.: WNBA: Mercury at Aces. (Live) ABC
8:30 p.m.: Heat at Celtics. (Live) ABC
BOXING
8 p.m.: Top Rank Boxing. (Live) ESPN
10 p.m.: David Benavidez vs. David Lemieux. (Live) SHO
EQUESTRIAN
2 p.m.: Preakness Prep. (Same-day Tape) CNBC
4 p.m.: 147th Preakness Stakes (Live) NBC
FOOTBALL
1 p.m.: USFL Football: Tampa Bay Bandits vs Philadelphia Stars. (Live) NBC
7:30 p.m.: USFL Football: Michigan Panthers vs Birmingham Stallions. (Live) NBC
GOLF
9 a.m.: PGA Championship With Joe Buck & Michael Collins. (Live) ESPN
10 a.m.: PGA Championship Third Round. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: PGA Championship Third Round. (Live) CBS
HOCKEY
6 a.m.: IIHF World Championship United States vs Sweden. (Live) NHL
9 a.m.: IIHF World Championship Canada vs Switzerland. (Live) NHL
1 p.m.: IIHF World Championship Norway vs Czech Republic. (Live) NHL
8 p.m.: Avalanche at Blues. (Live) SPRTNET, TNT
LACROSSE
12 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Rutgers vs Pennsylvania. (Live) ESPNU
2:30 p.m.: NCAA Tournament: Princeton vs Yale. (Live) ESPNU
RUGBY
11:58 p.m.: NRL Rugby South Sydney Rabbitohs vs Canberra Raiders. (Live) FSP
SOCCER
11:55 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer AC Pisa 1909 vs Benevento Calcio. (Live) FSP
3:30 p.m.: Canadian Premier League Soccer Valour FC at Cavalry FC. (Live) FSP
7:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC. (Live) FOX
SOFTBALL
Noon-10 p.m.: NCAA Tournament, Regionals. (Live) ACC, SEC, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPNU
TENNIS
5 a.m.: 2022 Roland-Garros Tennis 1st Round. (Live) TENNIS
TRACK AND FIELD
9 a.m.: World Athletics Diamond League- Birmingham. (Same-day Tape) CNBC

METS

Series opener against Rockies gets snowed out

By Deesha Thosar
New York Daily News

DENVER — In a flashback to last year's trip to the Mile High City, the Mets were again hit with snowy and frosty weather that shelved their series opener against the Rockies.

The Mets' game against the Rockies, scheduled for 8:40 p.m. at Coors Field, was postponed due to heavy snow in the forecast, the home team announced on Friday afternoon. The matchup will be made up as part of a split doubleheader on Saturday, with Game 1 starting at 3:10 p.m. ET and Game 2 beginning at 8:40 p.m. ET. It will be the Mets' fifth doubleheader of the season.

The city of Denver issued a winter storm and freeze warning beginning Friday evening that would last all the way until Saturday morning/afternoon. Total snow accumulations were forecasted to be between 3 and 10 inches, with temperatures dropping to 26 degrees.

The Mets were snowed out in Colorado last year (April 16, 2021). Prior to that, the last time the Mets were snowed out was on April 2, 2018 vs. Philadelphia at Citi Field. Before last season, the Mets were last snowed out in Colorado on April 15 and April 17, 2013.

Of course, when the Mets begin a three-game road trip to sunny California against the Giants on Monday, the weather in Denver is expected to return to being warm and sunny.

Carlos Carrasco (3-1, 3.73 ERA) was scheduled to face off against right-hander German Marquez (1-3, 6.16 ERA) in the series opener. The Mets did not announce their Saturday pitching plans as of Friday afternoon, but it is expected that Carrasco will take the mound on an extra day of rest for at least one of the two games.

The Mets (26-14) are in need of a spot starter on Saturday for whichever game Carrasco does not pitch. Trevor Williams (2-4, 4.20 ERA) just pitched Game 1 of the team's doubleheader against the Cardinals on Tuesday, so he would be pitching on just three days' rest if the Mets decided to go that route. Taijuan Walker (1-0, 3.52 ERA) is the scheduled starter for Sunday.

But it gets trickier after that, with injuries deconstructing the top of the Mets rotation.

Max Scherzer is sidelined until at least the end of June with a moderate to high oblique strain, so the Mets will need a regular replacement for the ace beginning Monday at San Francisco, which was his scheduled start day. Tylor Megill, who has been dealing with right biceps tendinitis since at least last Sunday, is expected to begin playing catch sometime this weekend. But Megill doesn't appear close to rejoining the rotation.



The Yankees' Aaron Hicks reacts after he struck out in the sixth inning against the Orioles on Thursday in Baltimore. **NICK WASS/AP**

YANKEES

Hot start giving Hicks time to work out his struggles

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Aaron Hicks slammed his bat to the ground and then his batting helmet after his last at-bat in Baltimore Thursday. There is no hiding the fact the center fielder is frustrated and pressing at the plate.

"I felt like today, and maybe a little bit yesterday, a little bit of pressing going on and he wanted it and was feeling that a little bit," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said of Hicks. "Certainly we gotta get him going ... I felt like he was a little bit frustrated today. And that's a result of probably pressing and obviously wanting it a little too bad. ... You got to kind of strike that balance of being prepared and ready but also relaxing and doing your thing up there. So we'll support them and keep working to get them there."

Hicks struck out three times and did not get a hit in four at-bats in the Yankees' 9-6 loss to the Orioles at Camden Yards on Thursday. That puts his slump at 2-for-44 with a double, two RBI, seven walks and 13 strikeouts over the last 14 games.

Hicks, 32, has played in 34 games this season, two more than his total for all of last season, when he was shut down to have wrist surgery. He played 54 of the COVID-19 abbreviated 60-game schedule in 2020, but just 59 games in 2019 because of an elbow injury that required Tommy John surgery.

He is basically trying to get back to the 2018 form that led the Yankees to sign him to a 7-year, $70 million extension in the spring of 2019. That 2018 season, Hicks slashed .248/.366/.467 with 27 home runs and 79 RBI mainly as the Bombers' leadoff hitter.

But it has obviously been a struggle for him to regain that form while dealing with injuries that have kept him off the field. He has some cushion as the Yankees offense continues to ride their big sluggers and extraordinary pitching with the very old-school philosophy of 'defensive first,' up the middle (catcher, shortstop and centerfield) to the best record in baseball (28-10) heading into Friday night's series opener against the White Sox at the Stadium.

Hicks struck out Thursday with the bases loaded in the sixth and again with a runner on first in the eighth as the Yankees tried to rally against the Orioles. He's now 3-for-23 on the season with runners in scoring position.

While his walk percentage (16%) and chase rate (18.8%) are among the best in the majors (top 5%), the switch-hitter is struggling almost every other way at the plate. He is in the bottom 10% in hard hit percentage (29.2), barrel percentage (6.5) and xSLG (.413).

From the right side, Hicks is hitting .188/.313/.203 with a double and five RBI in 84 plate appearances this season. From the left, he is hitting .214/.371/.321 with a home run and two RBI.

YANKEES NOTES

Team waiting on injury update on Green

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — After years of having their pitching depth tested by injuries, the Yankees came into this season feeling they were fully stocked for the rotation and the bullpen. That stockpile will likely be tested. Chad Green was examined on Friday after leaving Thursday's game with right forearm discomfort and while there was no diagnosis made public, Aaron Boone said that it was "definitely a concern" now.

On top of that, pitching prospect Luis Gil, who made a spot start for the Yankees a week ago, has a "significant" injury, the Yankees manager announced after Friday night's series opener against the White Sox at Yankee Stadium was postponed by rain.

"I think there's that fear, sure," Boone said when asked if he thought Green's injury was significant. "But, again, it's definitely a concern right now. But I'd rather get with the doctors and kind of see where we're at by the end of the day tomorrow."

The fear with any forearm discomfort is obviously damage to the ulnar collateral ligament. A significant compromise of that ligament is what leads to Tommy John surgery. This is not the first time Green has dealt with forearm discomfort. In 2016, Green was diagnosed with a flexor tendon strain in similar circumstances, and he recovered through rest.

Green was in the clubhouse before the game was canceled on Friday and told reporters they were looking for more information to make decisions about his path forward.

Gil left his start with Triple-A Scranton on Wednesday night with an elbow injury. Boone said that Gil is going to be out of the mix for a while.

"It's a significant injury. But they're still kind of working through opinions and all that so I don't want to get too far into it," Boone said. "But it's significant."

Rain pushes Nestor to Saturday: The Yankees and White Sox will make up Friday night's rained-out game on Sunday in a single-admission doubleheader. The first pitch will be at 3:05 p.m. with the regularly scheduled Sunday Night Game to follow at 7:05 p.m.

With the rainout, the Yankees' third in the last two weeks, they are still working out their rotation. Nestor Cortes, who was scheduled to start Friday night's game, will start the afternoon game on Saturday now. The lefty made his last start on Sunday against the White Sox in Chicago.

"Nestor will go tomorrow. And then we'll talk about how we want to line it up moving forward," Boone said.

RED SOX

With 3 HRs, Story removes $140M worth of pressure

By Jason Mastrodonato
Boston Herald

BOSTON — The new guy is going to be all right.

If you're wondering about the odds that the Trevor Story contract works out for the Red Sox, think about what he had already endured before he hit three home runs in the Sox's 12-6 win over the Mariners on Thursday.

As he was negotiating with the Red Sox in spring training, the team's franchise player, Xander Bogaerts, was facing daily questions about his future as the starting shortstop. When Story signed, he was asked to move to a brand-new position to appease Bogaerts. Two weeks later the Sox officially failed to sign Bogaerts to an extension before his opening-day deadline, essentially sealing Story's fate as Bogaerts' replacement in 2023.

Awkward.

Then the season began and Story got sick. He missed some time. He returned and looked lost at the plate. It was written off as early-season jitters, but nothing changed.

By almost every statistical metric Story was one of the worst players in baseball through the first month of the season. He wasn't hitting for average, he wasn't hitting for power, he wasn't even making contact.

He literally threw the game away April 23 in Tampa, when he couldn't make a routine play at second base and sailed his throw that led directly to an extra-inning loss to the Rays.

He hit rock bottom May 5, when he went 0-for-4 with four strikeouts against Shohei Ohtani, chucked his bat across the field and got loudly booed by a packed house at Fenway Park.

It looked like a total waste of $140 million as the Red Sox were in last place and seemingly going nowhere.

"Baseball is the most challenging sport in the world," Story said. "I feel like on an everyday basis you're going to be challenged, especially here [in Boston]. It's something that I take a lot of pride in: trying to be very even-keeled about it all.

"I just believe that the hard work pays off eventually. But it's very challenging."

RED SOX NOTES

After a slow start, offense finally getting on a run

By Julian McWilliams
Boston Globe

BOSTON — Red Sox hitting coach Peter Fatse believes his offense is on the right track.

After a forgettable start to the season, the Red Sox scored 58 runs in their previous 10 games entering Friday, batting .285 over that span with an .840 OPS. The Sox have hit 12 home runs in those 10 games compared with just 16 over their first 29 games.

"Our commitment to the strike zone has been really good," Fatse said Friday ahead of the team's second game of a four-game set against the Mariners. "We've been winning the battleground areas every night that we need to win in order to have success. You're seeing the slug start to go up, guys hitting the ball in the air a little bit more."

The Sox have had quality offensive production from Trevor Story, who was fresh off a 4-for-4 game in which he belted three homers, registering seven RBIs. Story said after Thursday's contest that he felt as if he now has better balance at the plate and is on time.

Brasier optioned to Worcester: The Red Sox officially optioned righthanded reliever Ryan Brasier to Triple A Worcester. Michael Wacha was activated from the injury list.

Brasier dealt with a number of injuries that kept him sidelined for most of last season. He was finally healthy this year, but struggled mightily, to the tune of a 6.28 ERA in 18 games (14 ⅓ innings). Brasier had a 1.465 WHIP and allowed a whopping five homers.

"It's one of those that it's not an easy decision," manager Alex Cora said. "We know what he means to us but in the end, he knows he has to get better and he will. It's a guy that at one point he's going to come back and he's going to help us accomplish what we're trying to do."

WooSox's Seabold a scratch: WooSox starter Connor Seabold was scratched from his start Friday with what Cora described as a right pectoral strain, which is similar to what Garrett Whitlock experienced toward the end of last season.

"We shut him down," Cora said. "We'll see how he progresses in the upcoming days."

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	28	10	.737	—	—	8-2	L-1	14-4	14-6
Tampa Bay	23	15	.605	5	—	5-5	W-2	13-9	10-6
Toronto	20	18	.526	8	—	3-7	L-1	12-7	8-11
Boston	16	22	.421	12	4	6-4	W-2	7-10	9-12
Baltimore	15	24	.385	13 ½	5 ½	3-7	W-1	10-10	5-14

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	22	16	.579	—	—	5-5	W-1	13-8	9-8
Chicago	19	19	.500	3	1	5-5	W-1	9-10	10-9
Cleveland	16	19	.457	4 ½	2 ½	4-6	L-3	7-7	9-12
Kansas City	14	23	.378	7 ½	5 ½	5-5	L-1	8-12	6-11
Detroit	13	25	.342	9	7	5-5	L-2	9-13	4-12

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	25	14	.641	—	—	7-3	W-1	10-4	15-10
Los Angeles	24	16	.600	1 ½	—	5-5	L-3	12-7	12-9
Texas	17	20	.459	7	2 ½	6-4	L-1	10-12	7-8
Seattle	17	22	.436	8	3 ½	4-6	L-1	9-7	8-15
Oakland	16	24	.400	9 ½	5	5-5	L-1	6-14	10-10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	26	14	.650	—	—	6-4	W-2	13-8	13-6
Philadelphia	18	20	.474	7	2	6-4	L-1	10-11	8-9
Miami	17	20	.459	7 ½	2 ½	4-6	L-1	9-10	8-10
Atlanta	17	21	.447	8	3	5-5	L-1	10-11	7-10
Washington	13	26	.333	12 ½	7 ½	3-7	W-1	5-15	8-11

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Milwaukee	24	14	.632	—	—	5-5	W-1	12-5	12-9
St. Louis	20	18	.526	4	—	4-6	L-2	10-8	10-10
Pittsburgh	16	21	.432	7 ½	3 ½	5-5	W-1	9-10	7-11
Chicago	15	23	.395	9	5	5-5	L-3	6-14	9-9
Cincinnati	11	26	.297	12 ½	8 ½	7-3	W-2	5-9	6-17

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	25	12	.676	—	—	6-4	W-5	15-5	10-7
San Diego	24	14	.632	1 ½	—	6-4	W-1	10-7	14-7
San Francisco	22	15	.595	3	—	7-3	L-1	11-7	11-8
Colorado	18	19	.486	7	1 ½	2-8	W-1	13-9	5-10
Arizona	20	21	.487	7	1½	3-7	W-2	10-11	10-10

BOX SCORES

ARIZONA 10, CHICAGO CUBS 6

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho dh	5	1	1	0	2	.250
Perdomo ss	5	1	1	0	0	.202
Rojas 3b	5	3	3	4	1	.289
Walker 1b	3	2	1	1	0	.209
Peralta lf	4	2	2	2	0	.222
McCarthy rf	5	0	2	2	0	.167
Thomas cf	4	1	2	1	1	.333
Hernandez 2b	3	0	0	0	0	.100
Greiner c	3	0	0	0	3	.000
TOTALS	**37**	**10**	**12**	**10**	**7**	
Chicago	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Ortega rf	4	0	2	0	1	.221
Contreras c	4	0	0	0	2	.254
Gomes c	1	0	0	0	0	.262
Happ lf	3	0	0	1	2	.265
Schwindel dh	4	0	0	0	1	.221
Rivas 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.207
Wisdom 3b	4	1	1	1	1	.207
Villar 2b	4	2	2	1	0	.253
Morel cf	4	1	2	2	0	.364
Vargas ss	2	2	1	1	0	.158
TOTALS	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**9**	

Arizona	**202 031 101**	**— 10**	**12**	**0**
Chicago	**020 100 201**	**— 6**	**8**	**0**

LOB: Arizona 5, Chicago 7.
2B: Thomas (4), Villar (4).

HR: Rojas 2 (2), off Hendricks; Peralta 2 (7), off Hendricks; Thomas (3), off Norris; Rojas (3), off Givens; Walker (10), off Gsellman; Wisdom (7), off Castellanos; Villar (2), off Castellanos; Morel (2), off C.Smith; Vargas (1), off C.Smith.

RBIs: McCarthy 2(3), Rojas 4(7), Peralta 2(16), Thomas (5), Walker (19), Wisdom (18), Morel 2(3), Villar (11), Vargas (4), Happ (18).

SF: Happ.
S: Hernandez.

Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 2(Varsho, Hernandez); Chicago 4(Ortega, Schwindel, Rivas 2).

RISP: Arizona 2for 7; Chicago 1for 5.
Runners moved up: Perdomo, Peralta, Gomes.

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Castellanos, W, 3-1	5⅓	5	3	3	1	5	4.29
C.Smith	1⅓	3	2	2	1	2	7.20
Ramirez, H, 8	1⅓	0	0	0	1	2	3.63
Poppen	1	0	1	1	2	0	3.86
CHICAGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Hendricks, L, 2-4	5	8	7	7	2	3	4.89
Norris	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.00
Givens	1	2	1	1	1	1	3.52
Gsellman	2	1	1	1	0	2	5.40

Inherited runners-scored: Ramirez 2-0.
WP: Castellanos.

Umpires: Home, Ryan Additon; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Adam Beck.

T: 3:06.
A: 31,235(41,649).

LATE THURSDAY: CINCINNATI 4, CLEVELAND 2

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Friedl rf	3	0	0	1	0	.164
Drury 2b-3b	3	0	1	0	0	.245
Pham lf	4	0	1	0	3	.240
Moustaks 3b-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.247
Stephenson c	4	0	1	0	2	.325
Naquin dh	4	2	2	1	0	.266
Moran 1b	3	0	2	0	0	.212
1-Reynlds pr-2b	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Farmer ss	3	1	1	1	0	.217
Almora Jr. cf	2	0	0	0	1	.296
TOTALS	**30**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**8**	
Cleveland	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Straw cf	3	1	0	0	1	.238
Kwan rf	2	0	0	0	0	.265
Ramirez 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.280
2-Clement pr-3b	0	0	0	0	0	.196
Miller 1b	4	1	1	0	0	.294
Rosario ss	3	0	1	0	1	.234
Reyes dh	2	0	0	1	1	.203
Gimenez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.310
Palacios lf	3	0	0	0	0	.270
Hedges c	3	0	0	0	1	.159
TOTALS	**28**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**5**	

Cincinnati	**000 010 030**	**— 4**	**8**	**0**
Cleveland	**010 000 010**	**— 2**	**3**	**1**

1-ran for Moran in the 8th.
2-ran for Ramirez in the 8th.

E: Stephan (2).
LOB: Cincinnati 2, Cleveland 5.
2B: Miller (12).
HR: Naquin (4), off Quantrill.
RBIs: Naquin (21), Farmer (17), Friedl (4), Reyes (12), Ramirez (34).
SB: Rosario (2).
SF: Friedl, Reyes.
S: Almora Jr..

Runners left in scoring position: Cincinnati 0; Cleveland 1(Palacios).

RISP: Cincinnati 1for 1; Cleveland 2 for 5.
GIDP: Moustakas, Farmer, Miller.

DP: Cincinnati 1(Farmer, Reynolds, Moustakas); Cleveland 2(Gimenez, Ramirez, Miller; Miller, Rosario, Miller).

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Mahle	6⅓	2	1	1	2	4	5.23
Cessa, W, 2-0	⅔	0	0	0	1	0	3.52
Diaz, H, 2	⅓	1	1	1	2	0	1.02
Santillan, S, 2-3	1⅔	0	0	0	0	1	5.84
CLEVELAND	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Quantrill	7	5	1	1	0	5	3.48
Stephan, L, 2-1	⅔	3	3	2	1	0	2.70
Morgan	1⅓	0	0	0	0	3	3.38

Inherited runners-scored: Cessa 1-0, Santillan 2-0, Morgan 1-0.

Umpires: Home, Jerry Meals; First, Ed Hickox; Second, Alex Tosi; Third, Jansen Visconti.
T: 2:48.
A: 8,510(34,788).

3,000 HITS
(x-active)

Player	No.
1. Pete Rose	4,256
2. Ty Cobb	4,189
3. Henry Aaron	3,771
4. Stan Musial	3,630
5. Tris Speaker	3,514
6. Derek Jeter	3,465
7. Cap Anson	3,435
8. Honus Wagner	3,420
9. Carl Yastrzemski	3,419
10. Paul Moliter	3,319
11. Eddie Collins	3,315
12. x-Albert Pujols	3,314
13. Willie Mays	3,293
14. Eddie Murray	3,255
15. Nap Lajoie	3,243
16. Cal Ripken Jr.	3,184
17. Adrian Beltre	3,166
18. George Brett	3,154
19. Paul Waner	3,152
20. Robin Yount	3,142
21. Tony Gwynn	3,141
22. Alex Rodriguez	3,115
23. Dave Winfield	3,110
24. Ichiro Suzuki	3,089
25. Craig Biggio	3,060
26. Ricky Henderson	3,055
27. Rod Carew	3,053
28. Lou Brock	3,023
29. x-Miguel Cabrera	3,021
30. Rafael Palmeiro	3,020
31. Wade Boggs	3,010
32. Al Kaline	3,007
33. Roberto Clemente	3,000

3,000 HITS-500 HOMERS
Major league players with 3,000 or more career hits and 500 or more career homers (x-active):

Player	Hits	HRs
Hank Aaron	3,771	755
x-Albert Pujols	3,314	681
Willie Mays	3,283	660
Eddie Murray	3,255	504
Alex Rodriguez	3,115	696
x-Miguel Cabrerra	3,021	505
Rafael Palmeiro	3,020	569

ALL-TIME HR LEADERS
x-active

Player	No.
Barry Bonds	762
Hank Aaron	755
Babe Ruth	714
Alex Rodrgiuez	696
x-Albert Pujols	681
Willie Mays	660
Ken Griffey Jr.	630
Jim Thome	612
Sammy Sosa	609
Frank Robinson	586
Mark McGwire	583
Harmon Killebrew	573
Rafael Palmeiro	569
Reggie Jackson	563
Manny Ramirez	555
Mike Schmidt	548
David Ortiz	541
Mickey Mantle	536
Jimmie Foxx	534
Willie McCovey	521
Frank Thomas	521
Ted Williams	521
Ernie Banks	512
Eddie Mathews	512
Mel Ott	511

LATE THURSDAY: BOSTON 12, SEATTLE 6

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Frazier lf	4	1	0	0	0	.267
France 1b	4	0	1	1	2	.323
a-Ford ph	1	0	0	0	1	.071
Rodriguez cf	5	1	3	1	1	.270
Winker dh	5	0	1	0	1	.221
Suarez 3b	5	2	2	0	1	.216
Torrens c	4	0	1	0	2	.197
Toro 2b	3	1	1	0	0	.171
Moore ss	2	1	1	4	1	.182
Souza Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	2	.158
TOTALS	**37**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**11**	
Boston	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Hernandez cf	4	0	0	0	0	.177
Devers 3b	5	0	1	0	3	.335
Martinez dh	5	3	4	0	0	.344
Bogaerts ss	5	0	1	0	1	.331
Verdugo lf	5	4	3	0	0	.221
Story 2b	4	5	4	7	0	.230
Dalbec 1b	4	0	1	1	0	.165
Vazquez c	4	0	1	1	3	.226
Bradley Jr. rf	3	0	1	2	0	.193
TOTALS	**39**	**12**	**16**	**11**	**7**	

Seattle	**040 000 011**	**— 6**	**10**	**1**
Boston	**022 002 33x**	**— 12**	**16**	**0**

a-struck out for France in the 9th.
E: Rodriguez (1). **LOB:** Seattle 8, Boston 8. **2B:** Suarez (8), France (6), Vazquez (4), Verdugo (6), Bradley Jr. (9), Martinez (14).
HR: Moore (2), off Hill; Rodriguez (3), off Brasier; Story 2 (4), off Kirby; Story (5), off Young.
RBIs: Moore 4(7), France (28), Rodriguez (14), Story 7(23), Bradley Jr. 2(11), Dalbec (5), Vazquez (10).
SB: Story (5). Runners left in scoring position: Seattle 3 (Frazier 2, Winker); Boston 5 (Bogaerts, Hernandez 3, Devers).
RISP: Seattle 3for 7; Boston 4for 13.
GIDP: Bogaerts. **DP:** Seattle 1(Moore, Toro, France).

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby, L, 0-1	5	8	5	5	1	3	3.60
Romo	1	2	1	1	0	1	1.80
Misiewicz	⅔	2	2	2	0	1	3.48
Mills	0	0	1	1	2	0	4.15
Young	1⅓	4	3	3	1	2	7.36
BOSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Hill	2	6	4	4	1	2	3.90
Houck, W, 3-3	4	1	0	0	1	6	4.70
Schreiber, H, 2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Sawamura	⅓	2	1	1	1	1	3.65
Strahm, H, 4	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.03
Brasier	1	1	1	1	0	1	6.28

Mills pitched to 3batters in the 7th.
Inherited runners-scored: Romo 1-1, Mills 2-2, Young 3-1, Strahm 3-1.
HBP: Mills (Vazquez).
WP: Kirby.
Umpires: Home, Scott Barry; First, Dan Bellino; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Clint Vondrak.
T: 3:38. **A:** 29,783(37,755).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS
Through Thursday

Batter	G	AB	R	H	BA.
M.Machado SD	38	141	27	50	.355
Hosmer SD	36	134	15	45	.336
Goldschmidt StL	37	143	24	47	.329
Cron Col	37	144	23	46	.319
Bell Was	38	136	23	43	.316
McNeil NYM	38	134	18	42	.313
Freeman LAD	37	138	23	43	.312
Harper Phi	34	131	29	40	.305
Chisholm Jr. Mia	31	115	20	35	.304
Iglesias Col	30	106	13	32	.302

RBI: Alonso, New York, 36; Arenado, St. Louis, 31; Tellez, Milwaukee, 30; Cron, Colorado, 30; J.Turner, Los Angeles, 28; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 27; Harper, Philadelphia, 27; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 27; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 27; Adames, Milwaukee, 24; Hosmer, San Diego, 24.
HITS: M.Machado, San Diego, 50; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 47; Cron, Colorado, 46; C.Hernandez, Washington, 45; Hosmer, San Diego, 45; Bell, Washington, 43; Freeman, Los Angeles, 43; Alonso, New York, 42; McNeil, New York, 42; Arenado, St. Louis, 41.
DOUBLES: Olson, Atlanta, 15; Freeman, Los Angeles, 14; Goldschmidt, St. Louis, 14; Harper, Philadelphia, 14; K.Marte, Arizona, 13; Arenado, St. Louis, 12; Franco, Washington, 10; Hayes, Pittsburgh, 10; Naquin, Cincinnati, 10; Suzuki, Chicago, 10.
TRIPLES: Chisholm Jr., Miami, 4; Edman, St. Louis, 3; Nimmo, New York, 3; Wong, Milwaukee, 3; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 2; Chavis, Pittsburgh, 2; Cronenworth, San Diego, 2; E.Escobar, New York, 2; Grisham, San Diego, 2; Hummel, Arizona, 2; Joe, Colorado, 2; J.Sanchez, Miami, 2.
HOME RUNS: Cron, Colorado, 10; Alonso, New York, 10; Adames, Milwaukee, 9; Harper, Philadelphia, 9; Renfroe, Milwaukee, 9; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 9; C.Walker, Arizona, 9; Arenado, St. Louis, 9; Tellez, Milwaukee, 8; Soto, Washington, 8; Betts, Los Angeles, 8; Riley, Atlanta, 8.
STOLEN BASES: Bader, St. Louis, 11; Edman, St. Louis, 9; Wong, Milwaukee, 8; T.Turner, Los Angeles, 7; Acuna Jr., Atlanta, 6; Chisholm Jr., Miami, 6; Estrada, San Francisco, 6; Harper, Philadelphia, 6; M.Machado, San Diego, 6; J.Peterson, Milwaukee, 6.
PITCHING: Scherzer, New York, 5-1; Webb, San Francisco, 5-1; Buehler, Los Angeles, 5-1; Musgrove, San Diego, 4-0; T.Anderson, Los Angeles, 4-0; Gonsolin, Los Angeles, 4-0; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 4-0; Darvish, San Diego, 4-1; P.Lopez, Miami, 4-1; Suarez, Philadelphia, 4-1.
ERA: Gallen, Arizona, 1.14; P.Lopez, Miami, 1.57; Mikolas, St. Louis, 1.68; Quintana, Pittsburgh, 2.19; Musgrove, San Diego, 2.20; Burnes, Milwaukee, 2.27; Alcantara, Miami, 2.49; Scherzer, New York, 2.54; Bassitt, New York, 2.77; Wright, Atlanta, 2.79.
STRIKEOUTS: Burnes, Milwaukee, 62; Scherzer, New York, 59; Rodon, San Francisco, 56; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 55; Manaea, San Diego, 50; Wright, Atlanta, 50; Bassitt, New York, 49; Lauer, Milwaukee, 49; P.Lopez, Miami, 48; F.Peralta, Milwaukee, 48.

LATE THURSDAY: ARIZONA 3, CHICAGO CUBS 1

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Varsho c	4	1	1	1	0	.252
P.Smith rf	4	0	0	0	2	.220
Marte 2b	4	1	1	0	2	.231
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	2	.206
Rojas 3b	3	1	1	1	0	.250
Peralta lf	4	0	2	1	1	.212
Luplow dh	4	0	0	0	1	.179
Thomas cf	3	0	1	0	2	.316
Perdomo ss	2	0	0	0	1	.202
TOTALS	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**11**	
Chicago	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Ortega cf	3	0	0	0	1	.207
a-Vargas ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	.118
b-Rivas ph	1	0	0	0	1	.222
Contreras dh	2	1	0	0	1	.263
Happ lf	4	0	0	0	0	.272
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	2	.248
Gomes c	4	0	2	1	2	.266
Schwindel 1b	4	0	1	0	0	.228
Wisdom 3b	3	0	0	0	1	.205
Morel 2b-cf	3	0	0	0	0	.286
Simmons ss	3	0	1	0	0	.200
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**4**	**1**	**8**	

Arizona	**000 300 000**	**— 3**	**6**	**2**
Chicago	**000 100 000**	**— 1**	**4**	**1**

a-grounded out for Ortega in the 7th.
b-struck out for Vargas in the 9th.

E: Marte (6), Walker (2), Suzuki (1).
LOB: Arizona 4, Chicago 9.
2B: Peralta (6), Gomes (4), Schwindel (6).
HR: Varsho (7), off Stroman.
RBIs: Varsho (17), Rojas (3), Peralta (14), Gomes (6).
SB: Morel (1), Rojas (3).
CS: Rojas (0).
S: Perdomo.

Runners left in scoring position: Arizona 3(P.Smith, Peralta, Luplow); Chicago 6(Wisdom 2, Schwindel, Morel, Happ 2).
RISP: Arizona 2for 6; Chicago 1for 7.
Runners moved up: Varsho, Suzuki.

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gallen, W, 3-0	5	2	1	1	3	4	1.14
Poppen, H, 1	1⅓	1	0	0	1	1	3.24
Mantiply, H, 4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.57
Kennedy, H, 6	⅔	1	0	0	0	2	3.12
Melancon, S, 8-9	1	0	0	0	0	1	7.43
CHICAGO	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Stroman, L, 1-4	5	5	3	2	0	6	4.88
Effross	1⅓	0	0	0	1	3	1.06
Hughes	1⅔	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Gsellman	1	1	0	0	0	0	5.62

HBP: Gallen (Contreras). PB: Gomes (1).
Umpires: Home, Adam Beck; First, Ryan Additon; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Mark Carlson.
T: 3:10.
A: 32,631(41,649).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS
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Batter	G	AB	R	H	BA.
Ward LAA	29	104	26	39	.375
Anderson ChW	33	136	20	47	.346
J.Martinez Bos	31	122	18	42	.344
Devers Bos	38	158	25	53	.335
Bogaerts Bos	37	142	21	47	.331
France Sea	39	155	16	50	.323
Trout LAA	35	122	32	39	.320
Judge NYY	36	137	32	42	.307
Benintendi KC	37	134	12	41	.306
Robert ChW	30	123	21	37	.301

RBI: Stanton, New York, 35; Ramirez, Cleveland, 34; Judge, New York, 30; France, Seattle, 28; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 27; Tucker, Houston, 26; Walsh, Los Angeles, 26; Rizzo, New York, 24; A.Garcia, Texas, 24; Ward, Los Angeles, 23; Trout, Los Angeles, 23; Story, Boston, 23.
HITS: Devers, Boston, 53; France, Seattle, 50; Anderson, Chicago, 47; Bogaerts, Boston, 47; Judge, New York, 42; J.Martinez, Boston, 42; Benintendi, Kansas City, 41; Franco, Tampa Bay, 40; Frazier, Seattle, 40; Mancini, Baltimore, 40; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 40; Stanton, New York, 40.
DOUBLES: Devers, Boston, 15; J.Martinez, Boston, 14; Gurriel, Houston, 13; Espinal, Toronto, 12; O.Miller, Cleveland, 12; Hays, Baltimore, 11; Sanchez, Minnesota, 11; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 10; K.Hernandez, Boston, 10; S.Murphy, Oakland, 10; Trout, Los Angeles, 10.
TRIPLES: 14 tied at 2.
HOME RUNS: Judge, New York, 14; Alvarez, Houston, 12; Buxton, Minnesota, 11; Trout, Los Angeles, 11; Stanton, New York, 11; Rizzo, New York, 10; Ward, Los Angeles, 9; Altuve, Houston, 8; Ramirez, Cleveland, 8; Walsh, Los Angeles, 8; Seager, Texas, 8; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 8.
STOLEN BASES: Mateo, Baltimore, 11; J.Rodriguez, Seattle, 11; Tucker, Houston, 9; Straw, Cleveland, 8; White, Texas, 8; Anderson, Chicago, 7; Mullins, Baltimore, 7; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 6; Merrifield, Kansas City, 6; Robert, Chicago, 6; Velazquez, Los Angeles, 6.
PITCHING: Verlander, Houston, 5-1; Cole, New York, 4-0; Blackburn, Oakland, 4-0; Holmes, New York, 4-0; Cease, Chicago, 4-1; Manoah, Toronto, 4-1; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 4-1; Taillon, New York, 4-1; R.Lopez, Chicago, 4-1; Gilbert, Seattle, 4-2; Ryan, Minnesota, 4-2; Lorenzen, Los Angeles, 4-2; Cimber, Toronto, 4-2.
ERA: Cortes Jr., New York, 1.35; Verlander, Houston, 1.38; Manoah, Toronto, 1.71; M.Perez, Texas, 2.01; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 2.33; Rasmussen, Tampa Bay, 2.33; Gilbert, Seattle, 2.40; Skubal, Detroit, 2.50; Gausman, Toronto, 2.52; F.Valdez, Houston, 2.68.
STRIKEOUTS: Cease, Chicago, 67; McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 65; Gausman, Toronto, 57; Montas, Oakland, 53; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 53; Cole, New York, 51; Gilbert, Seattle, 51; Ray, Seattle, 50; Cortes Jr., New York, 49; Skubal, Detroit, 45.

LATE THURSDAY: HOUSTON 5, TEXAS 1

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
White lf	3	1	0	0	2	.218
Semien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.175
Seager ss	4	0	1	1	2	.245
Garcia cf	4	0	1	0	1	.210
Heim c	4	0	1	0	2	.297
Garver dh	3	0	0	0	1	.198
Calhoun rf	4	0	1	0	2	.243
Ibanez 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.191
a-Miller ph	1	0	0	0	1	.211
Culberson 3b	2	0	0	0	1	.243
TOTALS	**32**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**13**	
Houston	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**SO**	**AVG**
Altuve 2b	5	1	4	0	0	.286
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.223
Alvarez dh	2	0	0	0	1	.248
Diaz 1b	4	1	2	1	1	.226
Tucker rf	3	1	1	1	0	.248
Pena ss	3	1	1	0	0	.276
McCormick lf	3	1	0	0	0	.226
Siri cf	3	0	1	0	1	.230
Maldonado c	4	0	1	3	1	.122
TOTALS	**31**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**6**	

Texas	**100 000 000**	**— 1**	**6**	**1**
Houston	**200 000 03x**	**— 5**	**10**	**0**

a-struck out for Ibanez in the 9th.
E: Sborz (1).
LOB: Texas 7, Houston 9.
2B: Semien (8), Altuve 2(4), Maldonado (2).
RBIs: Seager (19), Diaz (10), Tucker (26), Maldonado 3(10).

SB: Siri (2), Semien (3), Pena (2), Tucker (9).
S: Culberson.

Runners left in scoring position: Texas 5(Ibanez, Calhoun, Garver, Semien, Seager); Houston 3(Maldonado, Bregman, Pena).

RISP: Texas 1for 8; Houston 5for 13.
Runners moved up: Semien, Heim.
DP: Texas 1(White, Semien, White).

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Otto, L, 1-2	6	7	2	2	3	2	5.55
Sborz	1⅓	1	3	3	3	2	10.80
Moore	⅔	2	0	0	0	2	1.86
HOUSTON	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**ERA**
Valdez, W, 3-2	7	6	1	1	2	7	2.68
Neris, H, 6	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.00
Pressly	1	0	0	0	0	3	3.68

Inherited runners-scored: Moore 3-3.

HBP: Otto (Bregman). **WP:** Otto.
Umpires: Home, Edwin Moscoso; First, Pat Hoberg; Second, Paul Emmel; Third, Vic Carapazza.
T: 3:10.
A: 34,593(41,168).

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2022			2021 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Cin	Greene(R)		1-6	6.21	1-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-3	15.1	6.46
Tor	Manoah(R)	3:07p	4-1	1.71	4-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	17.0	2.12

AMERICAN LEAGUE			2022			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
ChW	Keuchel (L)		2-3	5.54	3-3	0-0	5.0	0.00	1-1	16.0	3.38
NYY	Cortes (L)	1:05p	2-1	1.35	5-2	1-0	8.0	1.12	1-1	19.1	1.40
Sea	Flexen (R)		1-6	4.35	1-6	1-0	7.0	1.29	0-3	15.1	5.87
Bos	Whitlock (R)	4:10p	1-1	2.43	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	13.0	4.85
Det	Faedo (R)		0-1	2.87	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	15.2	2.87
Cle	Bieber (R)	6:10p	1-2	3.72	4-3	1-1	13.0	2.77	0-1	16.1	4.96
TB	Springs (L)		1-1	1.66	2-1	1-0	1.1	0.00	0-1	11.1	3.18
Bal	Bradish (R)	7:05p	1-2	5.06	2-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.1	5.87
Min	Ryan (R)		4-2	2.39	5-2	1-0	6.0	0.00	1-1	14.2	4.30
KC	Keller (R)	7:10p	1-3	2.88	3-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	19.0	3.79
Tex	Gray (R)		1-1	5.73	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	13.0	4.85
Hou	Verlander (R)	7:10p	5-1	1.38	5-2	1-0	7.0	1.29	3-0	19.2	0.92
Oak	Montas (R)		2-4	3.67	2-6	0-1	6.03.000-2		19.1	2.79	
LAA	Lorenzen (R)	9:07p	4-2	3.57	4-2	1-0	7.0	1.29	2-1	20.0	4.05

NATIONAL LEAGUE			2022			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TEAM	PITCHER	TIME	W-L	ERA	TR	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Ari	Bumgarner (L)		2-2	2.29	4-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	12.1	4.38
ChC	Steele (L)	2:20p	1-4	4.50	3-4	0-0	6.0	1.50	0-2	13.0	3.46
NYM	Carrasco (R)	G1	3-1	3.73	3-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.0	2.84
Col	Marquez	3:10p	1-3	6.16	3-4	1-1	13.0	2.08	1-2	17.0	6.88
SD	Musgrove (R)		4-0	2.20	7-0	1-2	26.2	6.08	1-0	20.0	2.25
SF	Rodón (L)	4:05p	4-2	3.49	4-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	15.2	6.89
LAD	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Phi	Nola (R)	6:05p	1-4	3.64	1-7	0-0	7.0	2.57	0-1	19.1	3.26
Atl	Wright (R)		3-2	2.79	4-3	1-0	6.0	0.00	0-2	18.0	5.00
Mia	Hernandez (R)	6:10p	2-3	6.15	3-4	0-0	4.2	9.64	0-2	13.1	6.75
StL	Liberatore (L)		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Pit	Quintana (L)	6:35p	1-1	2.19	5-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	18.0	1.00
Was	Corbin (L)		0-6	6.28	0-8	1-1	11.1	3.97	0-2	2.19	3.79
Mil	Woodruff (R)	7:10p	4-2	5.35	5-2	1-0	7.0	0.00	2-1	15.0	5.40
NYM	Williams (R)	G2	0-2	4.20	1-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	11.0	4.91
Col	Gomber (L)	8:40p	2-3	4.38	3-4	1-0	8.0	2.25	1-1	18.00	5.00

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, late
Detroit at Cleveland, late
Seattle at Boston, late
Minnesota at Kansas City, late
Texas at Houston, late
Oakland at L.A. Angels, late
Chi. White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Seattle at Boston, 1:35p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 1:35p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto, 1:37p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 1:40p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 2:10p.m.
Texas at Houston, 2:10p.m.
G1: Chi. Whi. Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 3:05p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 4:07p.m.
G2: Chi. Wh. Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:08 p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 2
Baltimore 9, N.Y. Yankees 6
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 4
Boston 12, Seattle 6
Houston 5, Texas 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Arizona 10, Chicago Cubs 6
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, late
Atlanta at Miami, late
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, late
Cincinnati at Toronto, late
Washington at Milwaukee, late
San Diego at San Francisco, late
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, ppd.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 11:35a.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 1:35p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto, 1:37p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 1:40p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 2:10p.m.
Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 2:20p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Colorado, 3:10p.m.
San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Cincinnati 4, Cleveland 2
San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 7, St. Louis (10)
Arizona 3, Chicago Cubs 1

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Reds:** The Reds activated Canadian slugger Joey Votto off the injured list before Friday's game in Toronto against the Blue Jays. A six-time All-Star in 16 seasons, Votto hasn't played a lot in front of the local fans — only nine games at Rogers Centre, during which he's hit three home runs while going 8 for 33 (.242) with seven RBIs. Votto, who grew up in Toronto, was in the lineup in the cleanup spot Friday against Blue Jays left-hander Hyun Jin Ryu.

■ **Tigers, Guardians:** The Tigers and the Guardians were without their managers for the series opener between the teams Friday night. Detroit's A.J. Hinch missed the game because he isn't feeling well but tested negative for COVID-19. Bench coach George Lombard managed the team. Cleveland's Terry Francona missed the game to have a minor surgical procedure and is expected to be back Saturday. Francona returned to the team Wednesday after being out four games with COVID-19. Bench coach DeMarlo Hale ran the Guardians.

■ **Phillies:** Phillies slugger Bryce Harper missed his fifth straight game when the Phillies opened up a three-game series against the Dodgers on Friday. Harper had a platelet-rich plasma injection in his right elbow on Sunday.

■ **Mets, Rockies:** A winter storm warning postponed the opener of the Rockies' three-game series against the Mets. The forecast calls for 3 to 5 inches of snow at Coors Field in Denver. The teams will attempt to make it up in a split doubleheader on Saturday, but more snow was in the forecast for Saturday morning before it was expected to clear, with a low of 34 degrees in the evening.

■ **Nationals:** Nationals infielder Carter Kieboom will undergo season-ending Tommy John surgery to address the elbow issue that landed him on the injured list in March. Manager Dave Martinez said before the Nationals' Friday night game at Milwaukee that Kieboom will have the surgery on May 27. Martinez had more encouraging updates for other injured players. He said Stephen Strasburg and Joe Ross each threw 43 pitches and three innings in a simulated game Thursday in Florida. "They came out of it feeling good," Martinez said. Both pitchers have side sessions Saturday and will next throw four innings and 60 pitches. Martinez said the Nationals could send both out for minor-league rehabilitation assignments as the right-handers prepare to make their 2022 debuts.

■ **Red Sox:** Red Sox second baseman Trevor Story connected again Friday night — this time with a former Boston player seated atop the Green Monster. Story, who hit three home runs in Boston's victory Thursday, launched a grand slam to give the Red Sox a 4-0 lead over the Mariners in the third inning. Former Red Sox left fielder Jonny Gomes was back in the action, too, sitting atop the Green Monster instead of playing in front of it. Seated in the first row of seats above Fenway Park's fabled left-field wall, the 41-year-old Gomes, who played on Boston's 2013 World Series championship team, stood up and moved a step or two to his right before corralling the ball against his body. He pumped his fist and high-fived the fan next to him. Did he expect to get a home run ball? "Yeah," Gomes said with a big smile, the ball sitting on the table in front of him. "That's why I'm up here. These are the best seats in the game."

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

MAY 21
1926: Earl Sheely of the Chicago White Sox hit three doubles and a home run against the Boston Red Sox. Sheely doubled in each of his last three at-bats the previous day to give him seven consecutive extra-base hits, tying a major league record. The six doubles in the two games also tied a major league record.
1943: In the fastest nine-inning night game in American League history, the Chicago White Sox beat the Washington Senators 1-0, in 1 hour, 29 minutes.
1948: Joe DiMaggio had two home runs, a triple, double and single to lead the New York Yankees to a 13-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.
1952: Duke Snider's home run highlighted a 15-run first inning in the Dodgers' 19-1 win over the Cincinnati Reds in Brooklyn. Snider, Pee Wee Reese and Billy Cox each made three plate appearances in the first inning.
1986: Rafael Ramirez of Atlanta had four doubles in seven at-bats as the Braves beat the Chicago Cubs 9-8 in 13 innings.
1996: Larry Walker drove in a career-high six runs, hitting a pair of two-run homers, a triple and a double in the Colorado Rockies' 12-10 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates. His 13 total bases set a club record.
1997: Roger Clemens earned his 200th career victory, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-1 win over the New York Yankees.
2000: For the first time in baseball history, there were six grand slams in a single day. Anaheim's Garret Anderson hit the record-breaker off Kansas City's Chris Fussell. J.T. Snow of San Francisco, Brian Hunter of Philadelphia, Jason Giambi of Oakland, and Los Angeles' Adrian Beltre and Shawn Green connected with the bases loaded before Anderson. The old mark of five was set in 1999.
2004: Jose Cruz Jr. went 4-for-4 with a homer and three doubles, leading Tampa Bay to a 5-3 victory over Cleveland.
2005: The Texas Rangers set two club records in an 18-3 rout of the Houston Astros. Texas got home runs from Rod Barajas, Hank Blalock, Laynce Nix and Mark Teixeira in an eight-run, four-homer second inning.

SPORTS

AUTO RACING INDIANAPOLIS 500

Windy Indy: Speeds hit 243 mph as weather disrupts prep

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — First came the wind — 41 mph gusts that created some of the most challenging conditions in Indianapolis Motor Speedway history — and the rain was expected to follow.

It put IndyCar on its heels on "Fast Friday" as race officials scrambled to save qualifying for the Indianapolis 500. Not a single drop of rain had fallen when IndyCar adjusted its Saturday schedule in hopes of avoiding any disruption to qualifying for its marquee event next weekend.

Weather conditions at the speedway have changed daily since the track opened on sunshine-soaked Tuesday for Indy 500 prep. Wednesday was a washout, Thursday was just a regular day at the speedway and wind-whipped Friday saw nail-biting speed on the track.

Drivers were on edge and few willing to complete a full four-lap run without lifting off the gas during blistering fast mock qualifying runs. Conor Daly, with a Chevrolet engine for Ed Carpenter Racing, maxed out at an eye-popping 243.724 miles per hour (392.24 kph) in turn three, where the wind was fiercest and blowing south to north from Turn 2.

"Nothing prepares you for going into turn three at 240 mph. It's not very pleasant for anyone," said Team Penske driver Scott McLaughlin.

Two-time winner Takuma Sato topped the speed chart for the third consecutive session with a late lap at 232.789 mph. He bumped Alexander Rossi from the top; Rossi ran only one full lap all day.

It was a six-hour session in which IndyCar allowed a horsepower boost ahead of qualifying, which is scheduled to begin Saturday for the 33-car field. The pole will be awarded Sunday in a shootout among the fastest six drivers.

The 90 horsepower boost allows drivers to take it right to the edge, but few were willing on this Fast Friday. It was just too windy, the risk far greater than any reward. Completing a full four-lap qualifying run was supposed to be the goal; not wrecking an Indy 500 racecar became the priority.

"I've seen some tough conditions over the years, but it's usually on days when it doesn't really matter," said 2013 race winner Tony Kanaan. "If this was a Tuesday, you wouldn't see a single car on the track."

Plastic bags and hot dog wrappers floated from the grandstands onto the track and the safety vehicle doubled as a garbage truck making trash pickups. Spectators tugged tight on their caps to prevent them from flying away, and the flags over Pagoda Plaza whipped all afternoon in sustained winds that Indy meteorologist Kevin Gregory of WRTV measured at nearly 25 mph.

Strategy varied across the paddock. Scott Dixon didn't even get in his car until the final hour of the day and with 49 minutes remaining rocketed to sixth on the chart at 231.530 mph. The Iceman then backed out of his run.



Sun forward Alyssa Thomas, left, battles Fever forward Alanna Smith for a rebound during Friday's game in Uncasville. **SEAN D. ELLIOT/AP**

Sun

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The Fever led 19-16 at the end of the first quarter. The Sun struggled to find an offensive groove and shot just 5 of 16 (33.3%) from the field while allowing their opponent to make 53.3% of their attempts in the period.

Miller has repeatedly talked about how much tinkering there would be with Connecticut's lineup rotations early in the season. Bonner and Courtney Williams missed the first two games of the year, and Bonner had only practiced with the team once prior to Friday night's game. The lack of continuity showed at times, especially on defense.

The Sun entered the contest with the best defensive rating in the WNBA, per Her Hoop Stats, but each time they gained a semblance of a lead in the first half, defensive miscues and easy buckets quickly erased it. They led 37-35 at halftime thanks to a buzzer-beating 3-pointer from Bonner, but allowed the Fever to shoot 51.7% in the half.

Brionna Jones, who played less than four minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, scored seven points in the third quarter. But it was Natisha Hiedeman who provided a spark off the bench to ignite the crucial scoring run.

With less than seven minutes left in the third quarter, Hiedeman drove from the wing into the paint and scored an and-one bucket. Less than a minute later, the 5-foot-8 guard drained a 3-pointer to give Connecticut a five-point lead that would continue to grow. Heideman finished with 10 points, four assists and four steals.

The Fever trimmed the lead to five points in the fourth quarter, but the Sun never let it get closer than that as they went on to win their third consecutive game.

Start of a grueling stretch

The 2022 WNBA season features 36 games, the most in league history, in a condensed schedule because of the FIBA World Cup.

The effects of that will soon be felt by the Sun. Friday night's contest marked the start of a grueling stretch for the team, one of five games in a nine day span. Look even further on the calendar and it's the beginning of nine games in 17 days.

Connecticut plays at Indiana on Sunday at 2 p.m., with the game set to air on ESPN3. The Sun then come back to Mohegan Sun Arena for matchups with the Dallas Wings on Tuesday and Thursday. Then, on Saturday, they face their biggest test of the season against the 5-1 Washington Mystics.

SUN 94, FEVER 85

Indiana	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Vivians	36	6-12	2-2	2	1	4	15
Engstler	29	4-12	0-0	6	1	6	8
Egbo	21	2-4	0-0	7	0	6	4
K. Mitchell	9-13	3-4	0	5	0	23	
Robinson	29	5-7	0-0	1	6	0	10
Smith	12	2-6	3-4	2	0	4	9
Henderson	11	3-4	1-1	1	1	0	7
Coates	13	1-1	0-0	1	0	5	2
Hull	8	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	3
T. Mitchell	4	1-2	2-2	3	0	1	4
TOTALS		**— 34-63**	**11-13**	**25**	**14**	**27**	**85**

Three-point goals: 6-15, 40.0(Smith 2-3, K. Mitchell 2-5, Hull 1-1, Vivians 1-3, Engstler 0-3). FG pct.: 54.0. FT pct.: 84.6. Turnovers: 19(Vivians 4, Egbo 4, Coates 3, Engstler 2, Robinson 2, Henderson 2, K. Mitchell, Hull). Blocks: 2(Egbo, K. Mitchell). Steals: 7(Egbo 2, Smith 2, Vivians, Engstler, Henderson).

Connecticut	M	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	PT
Bonner	35	6-12	2-4	3	4	0	18
A. Thomas	34	5-10	7-11	7	3	5	17
J. Jones	24	7-12	3-4	8	2	3	19
Williams	22	1-6	0-0	3	2	3	2
J. Thomas	22	2-6	0-0	2	2	0	6
B. Jones	14	3-8	5-5	4	0	3	11
Hiedeman	23	3-8	2-3	1	4	1	10
Carrington	22	4-8	2-2	3	1	3	11
Holmes	3	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS		**— 31-71**	**21-29**	**31**	**19**	**18**	**94**

Three-point goals: 11-19, 57.9(Bonner 4-4, J. Jones 2-3, J. Thomas 2-4, Hiedeman 2-5, Carrington 1-1, Williams 0-1, Holmes 0-1). FG pct.: 43.7. FT pct.: 72.4. Turnovers: 15(A. Thomas 3, J. Jones 3, Williams 3, Bonner 2, J. Thomas, B. Jones, Carrington, Holmes). Blocks: 2(A. Thomas, J. Jones). Steals: 11(Hiedeman 4, A. Thomas 3, Carrington 2, Bonner, J. Jones).

Indiana	**19**	**16**	**16**	**34**	**— 85**
Connecticut	**16**	**21**	**26**	**31**	**— 94**

Officials: Bonner, Cissoko-Stephens, Broomfield. Att.: 4,428 at Mohegan Sun Arena, Uncasville.

Celtics

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27-point performance Thursday night.

"You're not going to win every game you play. There are really good players and really talented teams in the NBA," said Tatum. "But I think the sign of a good team is how you respond after losses, especially tough ones. It just kind of shows the character of the group. We've done a really good job most of the year responding after tough losses and situations."

Having nullified Miami's home-court advantage, at least for a moment, the Celtics now return to Boston for Game 3 on Saturday and Game 4 on Monday, both in front of the Garden's typical raucousness.

"That's what our team is about," Al Horford said of the Celtics' ability, with himself and Marcus Smart back in the lineup, to shut down Miami after their Game 1 stumble. "We've been talking about this a bit since January, when we really started getting at it and kind of creating that identity and how we wanted to play, that's who we've been. We understood it was an important game tonight. They obviously beat us that Game 1, and for us it was just important to come out and get this win at all costs."

Butler regroups: The Celtics can certainly count on a re-loaded Jimmy Butler Saturday night.

"I don't like to move on from this because it has to hurt. They tried to embarrass us. They did embarrass us," said the Miami star. "So I think we got to realize that, use it as fuel, whatever you want to say, but realize the game can get out of hand when you're playing against a really good team like them that can score the ball and get stops. Overall, we have to be better. We have a tough job to do to go over there and win, but if they did it, we can do it, as well."

Smart, who took on the bulk of the responsibility for guarding Butler — the Miami wing still scored a game-high 29 points — understands that the Miami star will likely play even better in a hostile environment.

"It's tough. Jimmy is a warrior, man. Jimmy has been doing this for a long time. He understands the game," said Smart. "He understands his strengths. He understands his team's strengths. So when you have a guy who has an IQ like Jimmy, it's always going to be a tough matchup. It's a good one."

Grant Williams progress: As much as Celtics players and coaches alike enjoy poking fun at Grant Williams' youthful enthusiasm, he's also commanding their respect. His 19-point performance on Thursday was, per usual, vital to sustaining offense.

"Obviously Grant is just — he just came a long way from his first year," said Tatum. "He's worked on his game, and he's developed into somebody that we believe and trust in to catch it at half court, he sees an opening, take it to the hole, make the right play. That's what he did."

Preakness

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ness winners after finishing a tough-luck second in the Derby. Even after owner Rick Dawson decided not to run Rich Strike at Pimlico Race Course to take a swing at an unlikely Triple Crown, his upset at Churchill Downs was still the talk of the week, especially for those around the horse who was cruising to victory until he wasn't.

"Even my 6-year-old after the race, he looked at me and said, 'Daddy, Epicenter ran the best race,'" Epicenter owner Ron Winchell said. "He ran a great race, so the confidence level is great. But with any big race, you just hope you show up and run, and so I think if he shows up and runs, we're in a good position."

Kenny McPeek, who won the 2020 Preakness with filly Swiss Skydiver, called Epicenter "definitely the horse to beat" and said the favorite would likely need to regress for his grey 10-1 shot Creative Minister to finish first. But he and co-majority owner Greg Back felt confident enough to pony up $150,000 to enter him in the race.

McPeek told Back if Creative Minister won his race on the Derby undercard, "We'll run him anywhere you want to run him — the moon if you want." He was fast enough to show evidence he belonged in the company of the other Preakness horses.

"What is it Wayne Gretzky said? You never make a shot you don't take," McPeek said. "That's the fun of the sport. ... If you feel like you've got a legitimate chance to just hit the board, you can't be scared because a lot happens."

A lot would have to happen for 50-1 long shot Fenwick to pull off another Triple Crown shocker and slightly less for 30-1 Happy Jack, who finished 14th in the Derby, or 20-1 Skippylongstocking to win the $1.65 million, 1 3/16-mile Preakness. There's plenty of respect for the chances of 6-1 Simplification, who was fourth in the Derby, as well as 7-2 second choice on the morning line Early Voting.

But the most chatter around the Preakness is about Secret Oath, the winner of the Kentucky Oaks, who 86-year-old Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas is betting can beat the boys. Absent the Derby winner — the fourth consecutive year there's no real chance at a Triple Crown at the Preakness — the focus is on the filly in what Lukas called an otherwise vanilla race.

"If you don't have the filly in here, the mood is zilch," said Lukas, who is going for a record-tying seventh Preakness victory. "The filly made this at least have a little bit of interest."

McPeek was glad it felt like "old times" at the Preakness, especially after it was run in October two years ago with no fans in the stands. He fondly recalled his first trip to Baltimore in 1995, when Lukas was in his heyday.

"I've put a few miles on since then and a few belt loops are missing and I've shaved my head since then, but Wayne's still here," McPeek said. "Where's Bob?"

Bob, of course, is two-time Triple Crown-winning trainer Bob Baffert, whose absence at Pimlico is jarring after years in the spotlight. Currently serving a suspension in Kentucky for medication violations that's being honored by Maryland and other states, he wasn't allowed to enter horses in the Derby or Preakness.

But he does have a presence in 12-1 late entry Armagnac, whom Baffert trained and saddled in three races before transferring him to former assistant Tim Yakteen. After Taiba finished 12th and Messier 15th in the Derby with Baffert's shadow hanging over the race, there's less pressure this time.

"I'm trying to get under the radar," Yakteen said. "I enjoyed the Derby. I wish we would've had a different outcome."

Winchell, Asmussen and Epicenter jockey Joel Rosario feel the same way after turning for home under the twin spires at Churchill Downs thinking they'd won the Kentucky Derby.

"That was very, very exciting at that point," Rosario said. "What can I say? The horse had run really well. It would've been really great if we could've won that, but that's how it goes sometimes."

Concerned about the heat and disappointed he's not getting another opportunity to beat Rich Strike, Asmussen isn't worried about positioning at the Preakness as long as Epicenter is "in front at the wire." He shares his owner's confidence but is a bit more wary about expressing it after the crushing Derby defeat.

"It was, I believe, the longest shot on the board that actually won the race," he said, "so you can't count anybody out."

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN

Osaka: 'I think I'm OK'

Naomi Osaka cracked jokes at Roland Garros on Friday — and, yes, laughed at those jokes. She smiled after some reporters' questions. She paused to contemplate, before offering answers.

All of which seemed to confirm this assessment that she offered during an 18-minute pre-tournament French Open news conference, one year after she declared she would avoid talking to the press and then withdrew before the second round: "For the most part, I think I'm OK."

Osaka used those words at the conclusion of a lengthy and thoughtful reply about what it was like to come back to a place where her last trip was so much more about her well-being and off-court mindset than her tennis. Which is saying something when the subject is a player who already owns four Grand Slam titles and has been ranked No. 1.

"I'm not going to lie. When I first came here, I was very worried. I was just kind of worried if there would be people that -- of course, I also didn't like how I handled the situation — but I was worried that there were people that I offended some way, and I would just kind of bump into them," Osaka said Friday.

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PGA

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sure. We played 11 on without any wind," Zalatoris said. "When I got out of position, I got the most out of it."

He opened with a shot from the rough that tumbled across the length of the green to 2 feet. He hit another through a gap in the trees to 7 feet. Not only did he have a bogey-free card, all five of his birdies were inside 8 feet.

Zalatoris was at 9-under 131.

And all Justin Thomas could do was watch from the couch of his rental home in Tulsa.

Thomas did the heavy lifting in the morning, when the wind was raging and limbs were swaying. He dropped only one shot on his way to another 67 that set a daunting target for Rory McIlroy and everyone else in the afternoon.

And now Thomas is three shots behind, with Watson right behind him.

Of some two dozen players under par, only five came from the wave that played Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, the two windiest windows of the week.

McIlroy got the good side of the draw and failed to seize on the moment. He didn't make a birdie until the 13th hole. That was his only one in a round of 71 that left him five shots behind.

Jordan Spieth, playing alongside McIlroy and Woods, finally got back to even par for the tournament until driving into the water on the 18th for a bogey and a 69. He was 10 shots behind in his bid to get the major keeping him from the career Grand Slam.

The weekend will not include Masters champion Scottie Scheffler, who stumbled badly down the stretch and finished with a double bogey for a 75 to miss the cut — 4-over par — by two.

Jon Rahm thought he might have worked his way back into the mix with a 69 to get to 2-over 142, and he was skeptical about the forecast of wind abating.

"They said the wind was going to go down this afternoon. No, it's not. It's Oklahoma," Rahm said. "It's going to stay just as windy as we had."

If only.

Watson had never scored better than 68 in his previous 49 rounds in the PGA Championship. And then he dropped nine birdies and goes into the weekend with a chance.

Zalatoris and Pereira, who led the Korn Ferry Tour a year ago, will be in the final group Saturday, two players still searching for their first PGA Tour title.

Zalatoris has plenty of experience in the majors. He was runner-up in the Masters to Hideki Matsuyama in his debut in 2021. This is his eighth major, and he already has four top 10s.

"When I took the sole lead on 12, I told my caddie, 'Let's enjoy this,'" Zalatoris said. "In my first Masters, I was runner-up and I wanted to enjoy it. I'll take that same attitude."

SCOREBOARD

NBA

PLAYOFFS CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
#1 Miami 1, #2 Boston 1
May 17: Miami 118-107
Thursday: Miami 127-102
Saturday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Monday: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 27: at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-May 29: at Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
#3 Golden State 1, #4 Dallas 0
May 18: Golden State 112-87
Friday: at Golden State, late
Sunday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Tuesday: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-May 28: at Dallas, 9 p.m.
x-May 30: at Golden State, 8 p.m.

NBA ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAMS
(Voted by a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters)
2 points for first team
1 for second team

Pos. Player	1st	2nd	Pts
FIRST TEAM			
G Marcus Smart, Bos	99	0	198
G Mikal Bridges, Phx	95	3	193
C Rudy Gobert, Utah	76	19	171
F Giannis Antetokounmpo, Mil	63	30	156
F Jaren Jackson Jr., Mem	55	43	153
SECOND TEAM			
F Bam Adebayo, Mia	57	38	152
G Jrue Holiday, Mil	24	41	89
G Matisse Thybullen, Phi	8	71	87
C Robert Williams III, Bos	3	64	70
F Draymond Green, GS	5	24	34

Others receiving votes (first-team votes in parentheses)
Guards: Fred Van Vleet, Toronto, (2) 41, Dejounte Murray, San Antonio (2) 24, Chris Paul, Phoenix, (2) 21 Patrick Beverley, Minnesota, (2) 21, Kyle Lowry, Miami, 6, Alex Caruso, Chicago, (1) 3, Gary Payton II, Golden State, 3, Derrick White, Boston, 3, Devin Booker, Phoenix, 1, Ayo Dosunmu, Chicago, 1.
Forwards: Evan Mobley, Cleveland, 13, Hebert Jones, New Orleans, 10, Dorian Finney-Smith, Dallas, 7, Jimmy Butler, Miami, (1), Jayson Tatum, Boston, (1) 2, Scottie Barnes, Toronto, Jaylen Brown, Boston, (1) 2, Al Horford, Boston, (1) 2, OG Anunoby, Toronto, 1, Desmond Bane, Memphis, 1, Kevin Duran, Brooklyn, 1.
Centers: Joel Embiid, Philadelphia, (3) 33, Jarrett Allen, Cleveland, 1, Deandre Ayton, Phoenix, 1.

NBA PLAYOFF LEADERS
Through Thursday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Antetokounmpo, MIL	12	140	91	380	31.7
Jokic, DEN	5	61	28	155	31.0
Doncic, DAL	11	117	65	335	30.5
Butler, MIA	12	127	86	357	29.8
Tatum, BOS	13	121	80	367	28.2
Morant, MEM	9	81	65	244	27.1
Ingram, NO	6	56	39	162	27.0
Curry, GS	12	103	66	317	26.4
Durant, BKN	4	32	34	105	26.3
Mitchell, UTA	6	53	37	153	25.5
Edwards, MIN	6	50	28	151	25.2
Embiid, PHI	10	78	73	236	23.6
Booker, PHO	10	79	47	233	23.3
Siakam, TOR	6	51	31	137	22.8
Brown, BOS	13	104	51	292	22.5
Brunson, DAL	14	119	57	312	22.3
McCollum, NO	6	49	18	133	22.2
Towns, MIN	6	39	43	131	21.8
Irving, BKN	4	28	21	85	21.3
Hunter, ATL	5	39	16	106	21.2
DeRozan, CHI	5	39	26	104	20.8
Maxey, PHI	12	88	47	249	20.8

WNBA

EASTERN	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	4	1	.800	—
Washington	4	1	.800	—
Connecticut	3	1	.750	½
Chicago	2	2	.500	1½
Indiana	2	5	.286	3
New York	1	4	.200	3
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	5	1	.833	—
Dallas	3	2	.600	1½
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
Los Angeles	2	3	.400	2½
Seattle	2	3	.400	2½
Minnesota	1	5	.167	4

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Connecticut 94, Indiana 85
Washington at Atlanta, late
Los Angeles at Seattle, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 3p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Connecticut at Indiana, 2p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 3p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME
Los Angeles at Las Vegas, 10p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 94, Phoenix 84
Las Vegas 93, Minnesota 87

ODDS

MLB — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
at Chicago Cubs	off	Arizona	off
NY Mets (G1)	-124	at Colorado	+106
at San Fran.	-126	San Diego	+108
at Philadelphia	off	LA Dodgers	off
Atlanta	-132	at Miami	+113
St. Louis	-135	at Pittsburgh	+115
at Milwaukee	-205	Washington	+172
at Colorado (G2)	off	NY Mets	off
AMERICAN LEAGUE			
at NY Yankees	-182	Chi. Wh. Sox	+160
at Boston	-140	Seattle	+120
at Cleveland	-187	Detroit	+163
Tampa Bay	-145	at Baltimore	+125
Minnesota	-134	at Kan City	+114
at Houston	-178	Texas	+150
at LA Angels	-160	Oakland	+140
INTERLEAGUE			
at Toronto	-232	Cincinnati	+193

NBA PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Boston	6½	(207½)	Miami

NHL PLAYOFFS — SATURDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
Colorado	-164	at St. Louis	+136

For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

HORSE RACING

147TH PREAKNES STAKES
The field for Saturday's 147th Preakness Stakes. Post time: 7:01 p.m. EDT.

PP. HORSE (JOCKEY)	ODDS
1. Simplification(JohnVelazquez)	6-1
2. Creative Minister(Br.Hernandez Jr.)	10-1
3. Fenwick (Florent Geroux)	50-1
4. Secret Oath (LuisSaez)	9-2
5. Early Voting (JoseOrtiz)	7-2
6. Happy Jack (Tyler Gaffalione)	30-1
7. Armagnac (Irad Ortiz Jr.)	12-1
8. Epicenter (Joel Rosario)	6-5
9. Skippylongstocking (Junior Alvarado)	20-1

Trainers (by post position): 1, Antonio Sano. 2, Kenny McPeek. 3, Kevin McKathan. 4, D. Wayne Lukas. 5, Chad Brown. 6, Doug O'Neill. 7, Tim Yakteen. 8, Steve Asmussen. 9, Saffle Joseph Jr.
Owners (by post position): 1, Tami Bobo, Tristan de Meric. 2, Fern Circle Stables, Back Racing, LLC. 3, Villa Rosa Farm, Harlo Stable. 4, Briland Farm. 5, Klaravich Stables Inc. 6, Calumet Farm. 7, SF Racing LLC., Starlight Racing, Madaket Stables LLC, Robert E. Masterson, Stonestreet Stables LLC., Jay A. Schoenfarber, Waves Edge Capital LLC., Catherine Donovan, Golconda Stables, Siena Farm LLC. 8, Winchell Thoroughbreds LLC. 9, Daniel Alonso.
Weights: 126 each. Distance: 1 3-16 miles.
Purse: $1,500,000.
First place: $900,000.
Second place: $300,000.
Third place: $165,000.
Fourth place: $90,000.
Fifth: $45,000.

NHL

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Carolina 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
May 18: Carolina 2-1 (OT)
Friday: at Carolina, late
Sunday: at N.Y. Rangers, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday: at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Carolina, TBA
x-May 28: at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
x-May 30: at Carolina, TBA

Tampa Bay 2, Florida 0
May 17: Tampa Bay 4-1
May 19: Tampa Bay 2-1
Sunday: at Tampa Bay, 1:30 p.m.
Monday: at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday: at Florida, TBA
x-May 27: at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-May 29: at Florida, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Calgary 1, Edmonton 0
May 18: Calgary 9-6
Friday: at Calgary, late
Sunday: at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Tuesday: at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Calgary, TBA
x-May 28: at Edmonton, TBA
x-May 30: at Calgary, TBA

Colorado 1, St. Louis 1
May 17: Colorado 3-2 (OT)
May 19: St. Louis 4-1
Saturday: at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Monday: at St. Louis, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday: at Colorado, TBA
x-May 27: at St. Louis, TBA
x-May 29: at Colorado, TBA

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR GENEVA OPEN
At Tennis Club de Geneve. Eaux-Vives-Geneva, Outdoors-red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#2Casper Ruud (2) d.
#4Reilly Opelka, 7-6(2), 7-5.
Joao Sousa d.
Richard Gasquet, 6-2, 6-2.

WTA GRAND PRIX DE SAR LA PRINCESSE LALLA MERYEM
At Club des Cheminots, Rabat, Morocco, Outdoors-clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Claire Liu d. #5Anna Bondar, walkover.
Martina Trevisan d.
Lucia Bronzetti, 6-3, 6-3.

WTA INTERNATIONAUX DE STRASBOURG
At Strasbourg Tennis Club, Strasbourg, France, Outdoors-red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Kaja Juvan d.
#1Karolina Pliskova, 6-2, 7-5.
#2Angelique Kerber d.
Oceane Dodin, 7-6(2), 1-0, ret.

ATP WORLD TOUR OPEN PARC AUVERGNE-RHONE-ALPES LYON
At Parc de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France, Outdoors-clay
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#1Cameron Norrie d.
Holger Rune, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.
Alex Molcan d.
#4Alex de Minaur, 7-6(2), 6-2.

FRENCH OPEN SEEDINGS
May 24-June 5 at Stade Roland Garros, Paris

MEN'S SINGLES
1. Novak Djokovic
2. Daniil Medvedev
3. Alexander Zverev
4. Stefanos Tsitsipas
5. Rafael Nadal
6. Carlos Alcaraz
7. Andrey Rublev
8. Casper Ruud
9. Felix Auger-Aliassime
10. Cameron Norrie
11. Jannik Sinner
12. Hurbert Hurkacz
13. Taylor Fritz
14. Denis Shapovalov
15. Diego Schwartzman
16. Pablo Carreno Busta
17. Reilly Opelka
18. Grigor Dimitrov
19. Alex de Minaur
20. Marin Cilic
21. Karen Khachanov
22. Nikoloz Basilashvili
23. John Isner
24. Frances Tiafoe
25. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina
26. Botic van de Zandschulp
27. Sebastian Korda
28. Miomir Kecmanovic
29. Daniel Evans
30. Tommy Paul
31. Jenson Brooksby
32. Lorenzo Sonego

WOMEN'S SINGLES
1. Iga Swiatek
2. Barbora Krejcikova
3. Paula Badosa
4. Maria Sakkari
5. Anett Kontaveit
6. Ons Jabeur
7. Aryna Sabalenka
8. Karolina Pliskova
9. Danielle Collins
10. Garbine Muguruza
11. Jessica Pegula
12. Emma Raducanu
13.Jelena Ostapenko
14. Belinda Bencic
15. Victoria Azarenka
16. Elena Rybakina
17. Leylah Fernandez
18. Cori Gauff
19. Simona Halep
20. Daria Kasatkina
21. Angelique Kerber
22. Madison Keys
23. Jil Teichmann
24. Tamara Zidansek
25. Luidmila Samsonova
26. Sorona Cirstea
27. Amanda Anisimova
28. Camila Giorgi
29. Veronika Kudermetova
30. Ekaterina Alexandrova
31. Elise Mertens
32,Petra Kvitova

USFL

All games in Birmingham, Ala.

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New Jersey	4	1	0	.800	106	80
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	106	125
Michigan	1	4	0	.200	87	80
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	60	109
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	5	0	0	1.000	129	92
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	110	85
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	84	99
Houston	1	4	0	.200	107	116

WEEK 6
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 1p.m.
Michigan at Birmingham, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, Noon
Houston at New Jersey, 4p.m.

WEEK 7
SATURDAY, MAY 28
Tampa Bay t New Jersey, Noon
New Orleans at Michigan, 9p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 29
Birmingham at Pittsburgh, 2p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 6 p.m.

AUTO RACING

NASCAR POINTS LEADERS
Through May 15
1. Chase Elliott, 475.
2. Ryan Blaney, 423.
3. Kyle Busch, 417.
4. William Byron, 415.
5. Ross Chastain, 407.
6. Martin Truex Jr, 400.
7. Joey Logano, 396.
8. Alex Bowman, 386.
9. Kyle Larson, 376.
10. Christopher Bell, 359.
11. Kevin Harvick, 335.
12. Aric Almirola, 322.
13. Austin Dillon, 311.
14. Chase Briscoe, 300.
15. Tyler Reddick, 300.
16. Austin Cindric, 291.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Philadelphia	5	1	6	21	16	9
New York City FC	6	3	2	20	23	10
CF Montréal	6	4	2	20	23	21
Orlando City	6	4	2	20	14	15
New York	5	2	5	20	20	12
Cincinnati	6	5	1	19	16	18
Atlanta	4	4	3	15	17	16
D.C. United	4	6	1	13	14	17
Charlotte FC	4	7	1	13	10	15
Columbus	3	4	4	13	15	13
New England	3	5	3	12	18	20
Inter Miami CF	3	6	3	12	11	21
Toronto FC	3	7	2	11	16	23
Chicago	2	5	5	11	11	16
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Los Angeles FC	7	2	2	23	23	12
FC Dallas	6	1	4	22	19	8
Austin FC	6	3	2	20	23	11
LA Galaxy	6	4	2	20	13	11
Real Salt Lake	5	3	4	19	12	16
Nashville	5	4	3	18	13	13
Houston	4	5	3	15	14	14
Colorado	4	5	3	15	14	14
Minnesota United	4	5	3	15	13	13
Portland	3	3	6	15	18	18
Seattle	4	5	1	13	13	14
Sporting KC	3	7	3	12	12	24
San Jose	2	5	4	10	19	26
Vancouver	2	6	2	8	10	20

Three points for victory, one for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Los Angeles FC at Columbus, 3:30p.m.
Toronto FC at D.C. United, 4p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Real Salt Lake at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Vancouver at Charlotte FC, 5p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 5p.m.
New York at Miami, 6p.m.
Minnesota at FC Dallas, 7p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Austin FC, 8p.m.
Seattle at Colorado, 8p.m.
Houston at LA Galaxy, 8p.m.
Philadelphia at Portland, 10p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 6p.m.
Columbus at Atlanta, 7p.m.
D.C. United at New York, 7p.m.
Chicago at Toronto FC, 7p.m.
Cincinnati at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Philadelphia at New England, 7:30p.m.
FC Dallas at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.
Portland at Miami, 8p.m.
New York City FC at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9p.m.
Vancouver at Sporting KC, 9p.m.
Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 29
Austin FC at LA Galaxy, 4p.m.
Charlotte FC at Seattle, 9:30p.m.

MLS LEADERS
Through Friday

GOALS	
Jesus Ferreira, DAL	9
Valentin Castellanos, NYC	7
Sebastian Driussi, ATX	7
Jeremy Ebobisse, SJ	7
Jesus Jimenez, TOR	7
Adam Buksa, NE	6
Leonardo Campana, MCF	6
Daniel Gazdag, PHI	6
Djordje Mihailovic, MTL	6
Diego Rubio, COL	6
Brandon Vazquez, CIN	6

ASSISTS	
Diego Fagundez, ATX	7
Cristian Espinoza, SJ	6
Omir Fernandez, NYR	6
Carles Gil, NE	6
Jan Gregus, SJ	6
Santiago Rodriguez, NYC	6
Raheem Edwards, LA	5
Julian Gressel, DC	5
Talles Magno, NYC	5
Mauricio Pereyra, ORL	5

SHOTS	
Valentin Castellanos, NYC	43
Hany Mukhtar, NSH	41
Cristian Espinoza, SJ	37
Jeremy Ebobisse, SJ	34
Diego Rubio, COL	34
Adam Buksa, NE	32
Daniel Salloi, KC	32
Jesus Ferreira, DAL	31
Javier Hernandez, LA	31
Cristian Arango, LFC	30
Lucas Cavallini, VAN	30

SHOTS ON GOAL	
Hany Mukhtar, NSH	21
Valentin Castellanos, NYC	18
Karol Swiderski, CLT	18
Daniel Gazdag, PHI	16
Sebastian Driussi, ATX	15
Jeremy Ebobisse, SJ	15
Javier Hernandez, LA	15
Daniel Salloi, KC	15
Lewis Morgan, NYR	14
Diego Rubio, COL	14

CAUTIONS	
Gregore, MCF	6
Robin Jansson, ORL	6

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
San Diego Wave FC	3	1	0	9	7	2
Orlando	2	1	1	7	5	6
Angel City FC	2	1	0	6	3	2
Portland	1	0	2	5	4	1
Louisville	1	1	2	5	5	5
Houston	1	1	1	4	3	2
Washington	1	1	1	4	3	3
Chicago	1	1	0	3	3	3
Gotham FC	1	1	0	3	3	4
OL Reign	0	1	2	2	3	4
Kansas City	0	2	1	1	2	7
North Carolina	0	2	0	0	2	4

Three points for victory, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at Portland, 6p.m.
Kansas City at Angel City FC, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
San Diego Wave FC at North Carolina, 2 p.m.
Louisville at Gotham FC, 5p.m.
Washington at OL Reign, 6p.m.
Chicago at Orlando, 7p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Kansas City at OL Reign, 10p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 27
Washington at Orlando, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 28
Portland at Chicago, 8p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 29
San Diego Wave FC at OL Reign, 3p.m.
North Carolina at Houston, 7p.m.
Gotham FC at Angel City FC, 8p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	37	28	6	3	96	24	90
Liverpool	37	27	8	2	91	25	89
Chelsea	37	20	11	6	74	32	71
Tottenham	37	21	5	11	64	40	68
Arsenal	37	21	3	13	56	47	66
Man United	37	16	10	11	57	56	58
West Ham	37	16	8	13	59	48	56
Wolverhampton	37	15	6	16	37	40	51
Leicester	37	13	10	14	58	58	49
Brighton	37	11	15	11	39	43	48
Brentford	37	13	7	17	47	54	46
Newcastle	37	12	10	15	42	61	46
Crystal Palace	37	10	15	12	49	46	45
Aston Villa	37	13	6	18	50	51	45
Southampton	37	9	13	15	42	63	40
Everton	37	11	6	20	42	61	39
Burnley	37	7	14	16	33	51	35
Leeds	37	8	11	18	40	78	35
Watford	37	6	5	26	33	75	23
Norwich	37	5	7	25	23	79	22

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Everton, 11a.m.
Brentford vs. Leeds, 11a.m.
Brighton vs. West Ham, 11a.m.
Burnley vs. Newcastle, 11a.m.
Chelsea vs. Watford, 11a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Man United, 11a.m.
Leicester vs. Southampton, 11a.m.
Liverpool vs. Wolverhampton, 11a.m.
Man City vs. Aston Villa, 11a.m.
Norwich vs. Tottenham, 11a.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Everton 3, Crystal Palace 2
Chelsea 1, Leicester 1
Aston Villa 1, Burnley 1

GOLF

LATE THURSDAY: PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
1st of 4 rounds, Southern Hills Country Club, Tulsa, Okla., 7,365 yards, Par 70

Rory McIlroy	34-31—65	-5
Tom Hoge	33-33—66	-4
Will Zalatoris	33-33—66	-4
Abraham Ancer	33-34—67	-3
Matt Kuchar	35-32—67	-3
Justin Thomas	35-32—67	-3
Matt Fitzpatrick	34-34—68	-2
Lucas Herbert	35-33—68	-2
Chris Kirk	33-35—68	-2
Kevin Na	33-35—68	-2
Joaquin Niemann	35-33—68	-2
Mito Pereira	35-33—68	-2
Davis Riley	35-33—68	-2
Xander Schauffele	34-34—68	-2
Cameron Smith	31-37—68	-2
Dean Burmester	34-35—69	-1
Stewart Cink	34-35—69	-1
Tony Finau	34-35—69	-1
Talor Gooch	33-36—69	-1
Beau Hossler	36-33—69	-1
Patton Kizzire,	35-34—69	-1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	34-35—69	-1
Thomas Pieters	36-33—69	-1
Patrick Reed	34-35—69	-1
Webb Simpson	35-34—69	-1
Aaron Wise	34-35—69	-1
Ryan Fox	35-35—70	E
Tyrrell Hatto	35-35—70	E
Russell	33-37—70	E
Max Homa,	36-34—70	E
Viktor Hovland	35-35—70	E
Shane Lowry	35-35—70	E
Robert Macintyre	37-33—70	E
Francesco Molinari	36-34—70	E
Alex Noren	35-35—70	E
Brendan Steele	35-35—70	E
Gary Woodland	34-36—70	E
Sam Burns	36-35—71	+1
Jason Day	36-35—71	+1
Tommy Fleetwood	35-36—71	+1
Rickie Fowler	35-36—71	+1
Justin Harding	35-36—71	+1
Kramer Hickok	35-36—71	+1
Si Woo Kim	35-36—71	+1
Shaun Norris	37-34—71	+1
Seamus Power	36-35—71	+1
Justin Rose	37-34—71	+1
Scottie Scheffler	34-37—71	+1
Adam Schenk	34-37—71	+1
Charl Schwartzel	33-38—71	+1
Sepp Straka	33-38—71	+1
Kevin Streelman	35-36—71	+1
Harold Varner III	37-34—71	+1
Y.E. Yang	33-38—71	+1
Cameron Young	35-36—71	+1
Adri Arnaus	36-36—72	+2
Keegan Bradley	37-35—72	+2
Laurie Canter	34-38—72	+2
Alex Cejka	34-38—72	+2
John Daly	34-38—72	+2
Cameron Davis	36-36—72	+2
Jason Dufner	37-35—72	+2
Lanto Griffin	36-36—72	+2
Yuki Inamori	37-35—72	+2
Chan Kim	35-37—72	+2
Kevin Kisner	37-35—72	+2
Marc Leishman	35-37—72	+2
Hideki Matsuyama	36-36—72	+2
Keith Mitchell	33-39—72	+2
Collin Morikawa	35-37—72	+2
Jesse Mueller	38-34—72	+2
J.J. Spaun,	35-37—72	+2
Jordan Spieth,	35-37—72	+2
Henrik Stenson	36-36—72	+2
Cameron Tringale	37-35—72	+2
Bubba Watson	37-35—72	+2
Bernd Wiesberger	35-37—72	+2
Alex Beach	35-38—73	+3
Rich Beem	37-36—73	+3
Daniel Berger	36-37—73	+3
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	35-38—73	+3
Matthew Borchert	37-36—73	+3
Joel Dahmen	37-36—73	+3
Sergio Garcia	35-38—73	+3
Branden Grace	37-36—73	+3
Adam Hadwin	35-38—73	+3
Dustin Johnson	36-37—73	+3
Matt Jones	37-36—73	+3
Jinichiro Kozuma	34-39—73	+3
Anirban Lahiri	38-35—73	+3
Min Woo Lee	38-35—73	+3
Denny McCarthy	37-36—73	+3
Maverick McNealy	37-36—73	+3
Troy Merritt	39-34—73	+3
Louis Oosthuizen	37-36—73	+3
Ryan Palmer	35-38—73	+3
Jon Rahm	36-37—73	+3
Jhonattan Vegas	35-38—73	+3
Richard Bland,	37-37—74	+4
Cameron Champ	36-38—74	+4
Brian Harman	36-38—74	+4
Garrick Higgo	38-36—74	+4
Harry Higgs	36-38—74	+4
Sam Horsfield	34-40—74	+4
Rikuya Hoshino	35-39—74	+4
Zach Johnson	38-36—74	+4
Russell Knox	38-36—74	+4
Jason Kokrak	36-38—74	+4
Luke List	37-37—74	+4
Sebastian Munoz	36-38—74	+4
Hudson Swafford,	38-36—74	+4
Daniel Van Tonder	36-38—74	+4
Tiger Woods	39-35—74	+4
Lucas Glover	36-39—75	+5
Billy Horschel	39-36—75	+5
Sadom Kaewkanjana	38-37—75	+5
Brooks Koepka	40-35—75	+5
Kyle Mendoza	37-38—75	+5
Erik Van Rooyen	38-37—75	+5
Ryan Vermeer	39-36—75	+5
Lee Westwood	40-35—75	+5
Ryan Brehm	37-39—76	+6
Patrick Cantlay	38-38—76	+6
Corey Conners	37-39—76	+6
Martin Kaymer	40-36—76	+6
Bio Kim	37-39—76	+6
Shaun Micheel	38-38—76	+6
Ian Poulter	37-39—76	+6
Matthew Wolff	38-38—76	+6
Tim Feenstra	38-39—77	+7
Padraig Harrington	38-39—77	+7
Mackenzie Hughes	39-38—77	+7
Takumi Kanaya	38-39—77	+7
Pablo Larrazabal	38-39—77	+7
Chad Ramey	37-40—77	+7
Adam Scott	36-41—77	+7
Wyatt Worthington	38-39—77	+7
Oliver Bekker	38-40—78	+8
Brandon Bingaman	37-41—78	+8
Michael Block	37-41—78	+8
Paul Dickinson	39-39—78	+8
Nicolai Hojgaard	38-40—78	+8
Austin Hurt,	36-42—78	+8
Colin Inglis	41-37—78	+8
Nic Ishee	37-41—78	+8
Joohyung Kim	40-38—78	+8
Dylan Newman	41-37—78	+8
Scott Stallings	38-40—78	+8
Shawn Warren	40-38—78	+8
Tyler Collet	40-39—79	+9
Jared Jones	38-41—79	+9
Ryosuke Kinoshita	38-41—79	+9
Carlos Ortiz	38-41—79	+9
Casey Pyne	39-40—79	+9
Zac Oakley	42-39—81	+11

THURSDAY'S LEADERS CARDS

Par out	**444**	**453**	**434-35**
Rory McIlroy	434	444	443-34
Tom Hoge	345	443	433-33
Will Zalatoris	443	454	333-33
Par in	**434**	**534**	**444-35-70**
Rory McIlroy	433	423	444-31-65
Tom Hoge	334	533	444-33-66
Will Zalatoris	333	434	445-33-66

FEDEX STANDINGS
Through May 15

	Points	Money
1. Scottie Scheffler	2,842	$10,299,587
2. Sam Burns	1,552	$4,442,731
3. Cameron Smith	1,544	$6,691,487
4. Hideki Matsuyama	1,539	$4,790,866
5. Patrick Cantlay	1,410	$4,203,061
6. Max Homa	1,342	$4,134,510
7. Jon Rahm	1,270	$3,573,830
8. Jordan Spieth	1,255	$3,819,864
9. Tom Hoge	1,230	$3,597,908
9. Sungjae Im	1,117	$3,188,024
10. Talor Gooch	1,205	$3,402,501
12. Viktor Hovland	1,114	$3,821,599
13. Rory McIlroy	1,096	$4,375,111
14. Cameron Young	1,050	$3,320,971
15. Justin Thomas	968	$3,121,111
16. Joaquin Niemann	955	$3,366,171
17. Collin Morikawa	955	$3,575,733
18. Xander Schauffele	936	$2,825,664
19. J.J. Spaun	897	$2,486,962
20. Sepp Straka	895	$2,921,684
21. Will Zalatoris	872	$2,852,150
22. Luke List	847	$2,462,829
23. Seamus Power	812	$2,302,035
24. Billy Horschel	780	$2,519,628
25. Cameron Tringale	780	$2,405,265
26. Jason Kokrak	779	$2,245,111
27. Kevin Kisner	769	$3,125,038
28. Kyoung-Hoon Lee	767	$2,377,175
29. Shane Lowry	764	$2,708,106
30. Russell Henley	757	$2,236,205
31. Maverick McNealy	754	$2,055,082
32. Keegan Bradley	751	$2,858,128



Celtics guard Marcus Smart had 24 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds against the Heat in Thursday's Game 2 win. LYNNE SLADKY/AP

NBA PLAYOFFS

Smart play: Time to shine

By Sopan Deb
The New York Times

Celtics guard Marcus Smart had an open lane for an easy fast-break basket. Then he unnecessarily moved the ball behind his back and flubbed a layup.

A minute later, he had the ball again and hit an acrobatic circus shot on the baseline from behind the backboard. He drew a foul, too.

That was the Marcus Smart Experience in a nutshell Thursday night: sometimes ugly, sometimes entertaining, always impactful. In Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals, Smart had 24 points, nine rebounds and 12 assists in a game the Celtics thoroughly dominated, 127-102, to tie the best-of-seven series. He had only a single turnover in one of the best playoff performances.

This season has seen the continuation of a remarkable shift for the 28-year-old Smart: There is a lot less ugly. He has emerged as a steady, reliable point guard who can more than competently run the Celtics' offense, even as his efforts on defense — he was named the NBA's defensive player of the year — draw the most attention.

Smart missed the first game of the series Tuesday because of a foot sprain, and his absence was evident. The Celtics collapsed in the third quarter, when Smart's talents for calming the offense down and anchoring the defense could have changed the game.

Right from the opening tip Thursday, Smart affected the game. The Celtics first scored off a difficult cross-court pass from Smart to shooting guard Jaylen Brown. Smart immediately followed that with a harder-than-it-looked alley-oop to center Robert Williams III.

In the first half, Smart was 2 for 11 from the field. For most, that would mean they were having a bad game. But Smart was one of the best players on the court, because of his seven assists and zero turnovers. The Celtics led by 25 at halftime, and they had outscored the Heat by 26 with Smart on the floor.

"I'm not the type of coach that wants to call a play every time down," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "I leave it in his hands, and he usually makes the right decision."

Smart did not enjoy the same kind of trust earlier in his career. In the previous seven years of his NBA journey, all with Boston, Smart was known mostly as a stalwart defensive player with a penchant for throwing up bad shots early in the shot clock and for making ill-advised passes. He was also, for the most part, a poor shooter from 3-point range. Smart had other attributes that made him a fan favorite, however, such as his willingness to constantly dive to the floor for loose balls.

This year, despite his perceived offensive limitations, Smart was handed the keys to the Celtics offense for the first time. It was a risky decision. Smart had never been a starting point guard for a whole season. He had never even been a full-time starter until the 2020-21 season. He had played behind star point guards such as Kemba Walker and Isaiah Thomas, two former All-Stars who had made their living as scorers. But Walker's injuries last year gave Smart a chance a get a taste of being the main point guard.

"That's what I got drafted here to do, and I just waited my turn," Smart said.

IN BRIEF

Avs search for answers after Blues tie series

News services

Nathan MacKinnon saw a team that just couldn't get up the ice with its usual speed. Couldn't generate quality scoring chances. Couldn't get in a flow.

That wasn't them.

"We were bad," Avalanche forward acknowledged after a 4-1 loss to the Blues that tied the second-round series at a game apiece Thursday. "Really bad."

The Blues made all the right moves — from shuffling their lines to generate more offense to finding a way to clog up the middle and frustrate the Avalanche's fast flyers.

It's now the Avs' move in this high stakes game of chess on ice, with the series shifting to St. Louis for Game 3 on Saturday.

Everything's on the table, too, for the top seed in the West. That includes line changes and possibly swapping out players.

"You're not going to win in the playoffs if you don't bring your best game," Avalanche coach Jared Bednar said Friday after practice. "We weren't even close last night and it's on us. .... Our best game is to be determined."

First order of business: Finding a way to create more space for MacKinnon and defenseman Cale Makar to maneuver. The Blues made it awfully difficult for them through the neutral zone in Game 2. Makar has yet to register a point after a three-goal, seven-assist series in a first-round sweep of Nashville.

College basketball: All-Big Ten forward Trayce Jackson-Davis will return to Indiana next season after withdrawing from the NBA draft. Jackson-Davis still has two years of eligibility remaining.

Tennis: The women's and men's pro tours say they will not award ranking points for Wimbledon this year because of the All England Club's ban on players from Russia and Belarus over the invasion of Ukraine. The WTA and ATP announced their decisions two days before the start of the French Open and a little more than a month before Wimbledon begins.

MOTORING



Buyers have angst about safety, but fully electric cars have the fewest fires. **ROGER KISBY/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Angst over safety of EVs

Vehicles face hurdle to broad adoption because of misperceptions

By Paul Stenquist
The New York Times

Electric vehicles, lots of them, are coming whether we are ready or not. The looming Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards and the need for manufacturers to standardize production have made a switch to electric inevitable. But while the EV fleet is accelerating rapidly into our future, there are bumps in the road, including, most notably, a lack of ready buyers.

Price is one obstacle to consumer acceptance of EVs, but that is likely to become less of a concern, as increased production leads to economies of scale and as advancing technology reduces costs. Another obstacle that may not be easily overcome is perceived vehicle safety.

EVs have not benefited from good press. In March, a Tesla caught fire and burned for hours after running off a road near Fillmore, California. And last year, General Motors had to warn Bolt buyers that they could not park their cars indoors after some vehicles caught fire while charging.

Although these fires generated headlines, EV angst appears to be unwarranted. AutoInsuranceEZ studied the frequency of fires — from all causes, including collisions — in automobiles in 2021. It found that hybrid vehicles, which have an internal combustion engine and an electric motor, had the most fires per 100,000 vehicles (3,475), while vehicles with just an internal combustion engine placed second (1,530 per 100,000). Fully electric vehicles had the fewest: 25 per 100,000. These findings were based on data from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

When EVs do burn, the battery is usually the culprit. Today's typical EV battery pack consists of thousands of lithium ion cells mounted in modules — the number dependent on the type of cell used and the kilowatt-hour capacity of the pack. The Lucid Air Dream, for example, achieves 520 miles of Environmental Protection Agency-rated range with 6,600 cells mounted in 22 modules, all encased within a strong pack.

Mounted below the floor, a typical EV's battery pack in its armorlike container contributes to vehicle rigidity while keeping the center of gravity as low as possible for excellent handling and rollover protection.

The high-voltage direct current of most EV battery packs is routed to an inverter that converts it to alternating current. From there the current is delivered to one or more motors. Because the high voltage extends beyond the battery pack, cabling must be protected.

Alexandros Mitropoulos, a spokesperson for Mercedes-Benz, said analysis of crash data indicated that the safest position for mounting the battery is under the passenger compartment. High-voltage cables for the Mercedes EQS are routed through the center of the car, removed from possible intrusion, he added. In a crash, the high-voltage system disconnects from the battery. The crash-sensing system of the vehicle, Mitropoulos said, remains awake even when the car is parked and turned off.

In addition to systems that automatically isolate high-voltage components in a collision, manual disconnects are provided for emergency workers to ensure that the battery has been isolated.

Side impact protection is crucial to EV safety, to protect both the battery pack and occupants. The pack's housing, blanketing the underside of the car between the front and rear wheels, is heavily armored, and an energy dissipation network is built into the vehicle's door sills, frames, B-pillar and cross members, as well as into the pack itself.

The Lucid's door sills are crash-absorption structures, and high-strength aluminum reinforces the door enclosures, said Eric Bach, chief engineer for Lucid Motors. In a collision, energy is transferred to the other side of the vehicle rather than to the battery modules or passenger cabin. In a side impact test, he added, there was less passenger cabin intrusion in the Lucid than in a conventional vehicle.

Much work has been devoted to making EV batteries less likely to short and overheat. Any battery can fail in an extremely violent collision, but manufacturers have tried to ensure that thermal failure is unlikely in normal use and less severe collisions.

Bach said the cells in Lucid's 118-kilowatt-hour and 112-kilowatt-hour battery packs are encased in stainless steel tubes and incorporate a venting system and fuse to prevent overheating. Another fuse protects each cell at the point where it is mounted within the module. Each liquid-cooled module is mounted separately in the battery pack. The pack is monitored at various points right down to the cell level so temperature and charge are always known.

While side impact protection is crucial in EVs, the most common collisions occur when one car slams into the rear of a stopped or slow vehicle. One might think that since a rigid engine is no longer part of the equation, engineers could design a more efficient front crumple zone. But because most carmakers must still sell traditional vehicles, too, it is hard to get them to commit to an EV safety advantage.

In an EV, the longitudinal beams — the components that determine the stiffness of the vehicle in front of the cowl and windshield — offer more design freedom, Mitropoulos explained. While longer beams are fortuitous regarding the way the front end crumples in a collision, he added, there is no difference in crashworthiness.

But Bach of Lucid extols the front impact protection afforded by a well-engineered clean-sheet EV.

"The huge front trunk area is a perfect crumple zone," he said. "We can minimize the pulse, dissipate the energy over a beautiful, harmonious crumple zone."

While ensuring EV safety is in the best interest of carmakers, there are regulations they must meet. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration first published Standard 305 for electric vehicles in 2008. The rule, which applies to vehicles with batteries of 48 volts or more, added protection standards for battery and high-voltage components to the crashworthiness regulations already in place.

Nissan had experience with the 305 standard early on, when the Leaf EV was brought to market in 2010. Testing under the new standard was and is similar to the norm for traditional vehicles, said Jeff Dix, senior principal engineer at Nissan. For example, he said, rather than looking for fuel leakage in a 50-mph rear impact test, you are looking for any indication that high-voltage components were not isolated.

Professor breaks down temporary OK of E15 fuel

By Aaron Smith
University of California, Davis

As part of efforts to dampen high gasoline prices, the Biden administration is temporarily allowing gas stations to sell a special fuel blend called E15 year-round. Under the Clean Air Act, E15 cannot be sold in summer because it evaporates more readily in warm weather and can worsen air pollution. Aaron Smith, professor of agricultural economics at the University of California, Davis, explains how E15 differs from the E10, and the environmental impacts of corn-based ethanol.

Q: What is E15 and where is it used?
A: Ethanol has long been a potential alternative to gasoline. More than 93% of the ethanol made in the U.S. comes from corn.

In 2007, Congress passed a law creating a Renewable Fuel Standard, which requires transportation fuels sold in the U.S. each year to contain certain quantities of biofuels. Under this policy, more than 95% of all gasoline sold in the United States is E10 — a blend of 90% gasoline and 10% ethanol. E15 contains 15% ethanol and 85% gasoline. It is available in about 2,300 gas stations in the U.S.

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved E15 for use in any light-duty vehicle of model year 2001 or newer. But, some automakers recommend against using E15.

Q: Why were E15 sales barred in the summer?
A: The prohibition on selling E15 in summer stemmed from the EPA's efforts to reduce smog.

To reduce summer evaporative emissions, the EPA sets seasonal limits for gasoline's Reid vapor pressure, a measure of its evaporation potential.

Q: Will allowing the use of E15 affect gas prices?
A: No. The Biden administration stated in mid-April that E15 could save drivers 10 cents per gallon on average. That's hardly enough to compensate for the fact that ethanol contains less energy than gasoline, so cars running on E15 get fewer miles per gallon than those burning E10.



The Biden administration is temporarily allowing gas stations to sell a special fuel blend called E15. **MARTA LAVANDIER/AP**



2023 Sportage X-Pro. **KIA**

AUTO REVIEW

2023 Kia Sportage is larger, more lavish and eco-friendly

By Larry Printz
Tribune News Service

If vehicles like the Kia Telluride, Sorento and Soul have proven anything, it's that Kia is hitting its stride. If you are still put off by the brand that once sold its vehicles using rapping hamsters, your image of the brand is more than a decade old. It's hard to overstate the transformation that has overtaken the brand in the past few years. You probably didn't notice until the Telluride debuted, causing consumers to consider Kia for the first time. And with the launch of the all-new redesigned 2023 Kia Sportage, the queues at the Kia stores are about to get longer.

A compact SUV, the 2023 Kia Sportage plays in the heart of the current new vehicle market against a slew of mainstream competitors.

Offered in three trim levels — LX, EX and SX-Prestige — as well as an off-road X-Pro model, the 2023 Sportage rides on the N3 platform used for the bigger Sorento. There's more than 41 inches of legroom in both rows, while the cargo area has grown 28% to 39.6 cubic feet. Inside, you'll find a mixture of hard and soft surfaces typical in this class. What proves surprising is the Sportage's two 12.3-inch displays, one for the instrument cluster, the other for infotainment. They're integrated into a wide horizontal panel similar to those used by many high-end automakers. High-end tech design at a Kia price? Cue the dancing hamsters.

2023 Kia Sportage

Price: $25,990-$36,190
Engine: 1.6-liter turbocharged hybrid powertrain
Horsepower/Torque: 227/258 pound-feet of torque
EPA fuel economy (city/highway): 38/38 mpg
Length/Width/Height: 183.5/73.4/66.3 in.
Ground clearance: 8.3 in.
Payload: 1,053 pounds
Towing capacity: 2,000 lbs

So, what's it like to drive? Better than before.

Kia offers three different powertrain options, with base models getting a 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine that generates 187 horsepower and 178 pound-feet of torque through an eight-speed automatic transmission with front- or all-wheel drive. Opt for the off-road ready Sportage X-Pro, and you'll get this engine and standard all-wheel drive and an extra 1.5 inches of ground clearance.

But unless you're going off-road, the best choice is the Sportage Hybrid, powered by a 1.6-liter turbocharged four mated to a single electric motor and a 1.5 kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery pack. It delivers more power than the base engine — 227 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque — while delivering superior fuel economy. Paired to a six-speed automatic with either front- or all-wheel drive, the hybrid returns a combined 43 mpg with the former, 38 mpg with the latter. Kia will also offer a plug-in hybrid, which pairs the same powertrain and a larger lithium-ion battery pack. This not only provides even more power — 261 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque — it also provides 32 miles of pure electric driving.

Sampling both the normally aspirated X-Pro and the Hybrid models, the more fuel-efficient powertrain proved worth the minimal extra cost. Fuel efficiency is decent, at 25 mpg city, 32 mpg highway with front-wheel drive and 23/28 with all-wheel drive.

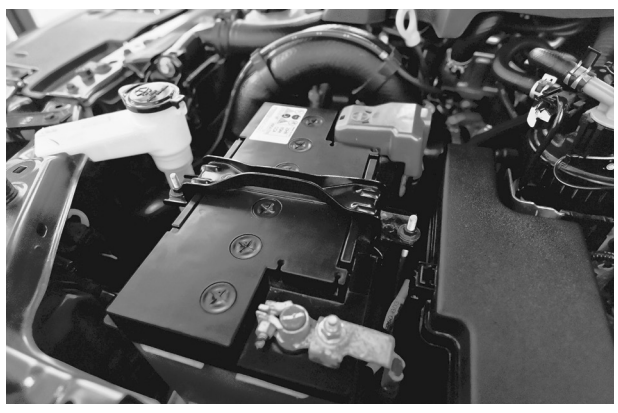
The Sportage delivers a more equalized driving experience, balancing agility with comfort without extracting the ride penalty of some compact SUVs. .

The Sportage has matured into a larger, more lavish vehicle. With prices starting at less than $26,000, it will have you wondering why you'd ever pay more for another SUV that delivers the Sportage's virtues.

What's wrong with battery terminal of '14 Buick Regal?



Bob Weber
Motormouth



WORAVIT VIJITPANYA/DREAMSTIME

Q: My 2014 Buick Regal positive battery terminal develops corrosion and gets very hot every couple of years and will not crank the engine. I have to remove the battery cable, clean corrosion powder off the terminal and cable end, then reconnect the positive cable terminal before the engine will crank. Is the battery cable terminal end material the problem?
— L.K., Park Ridge, Illinois
A: The heat is likely due to high electrical resistance as the voltage tries to break through the corrosion. After cleaning the terminal and cable clamp (which itself is unlikely the problem) and rinsing them with baking soda solution followed by plain water, coat the connection. Grease is an old standby, but I prefer products specifically designed for the job. If everything returns to normal after cleaning, the cable and clamp are fine.

Q: One of my pet peeves is motorists who turn on their hazard flashers in a heavy rain. All it does is distract other drivers and lowers overall visibility. What's your take?
— T.D., Virginia Beach, Virginia
A: I haven't heard of this practice and would not be a fan of it. Hazard flashers should be judiciously used when there is ... a hazard. Traveling well below the speed limit like trucks climbing a hill below 40 mph on an interstate, or when there's heavy fog, or when broken down and on the shoulder. My pet peeve includes the plethora of non-emergency vehicles flashing amber arrays of laser-like LEDs — particularly after dark. And another thing... .

Q: We're fortunate enough to be able to buy a new car this year. In the past, it was recommended that we drive a new car about 500 miles around town in stop-and-go traffic prior to taking any long highway trips. Does that recommendation still hold?
— K.S., Chicago
A: In the olden days you had to break in the engine like a new pair of cowboy boots. Today, tolerances are so precise that old fashioned break-ins are not usually required. Having said that, I still drive a new engine gently, accelerating gradually and varying speed regularly both around town and on the highway. Hmm. No wonder my boots feel so good.

Q: I have a 2006 Toyota 4Runner with 180,000 miles. It is an 8-cylinder, which I use for towing a boat, among other things. The check engine light came on and my local shop mechanics, who are very trustworthy, said that the issue is an emissions problem caused by faulty catalytic converters. There are four on that vehicle. They estimated a cost of as high as $8,000 to repair based on how much labor might be involved with rusted pipes. The blue book value for this truck appears to be right around $9,000. The truck runs very well and I'd be hard pressed to replace it for under $11,000 and then might risk the same problem with a vehicle that would probably also be more than 12 years old. What might you suggest?
— D.F., Inverness, Illinois
A: I don't know about your mechanics, but if one light bulb burns out in my house, I don't replace them all. Yes, cats are expensive, much more than the most expensive light bulb. Seek a second opinion.

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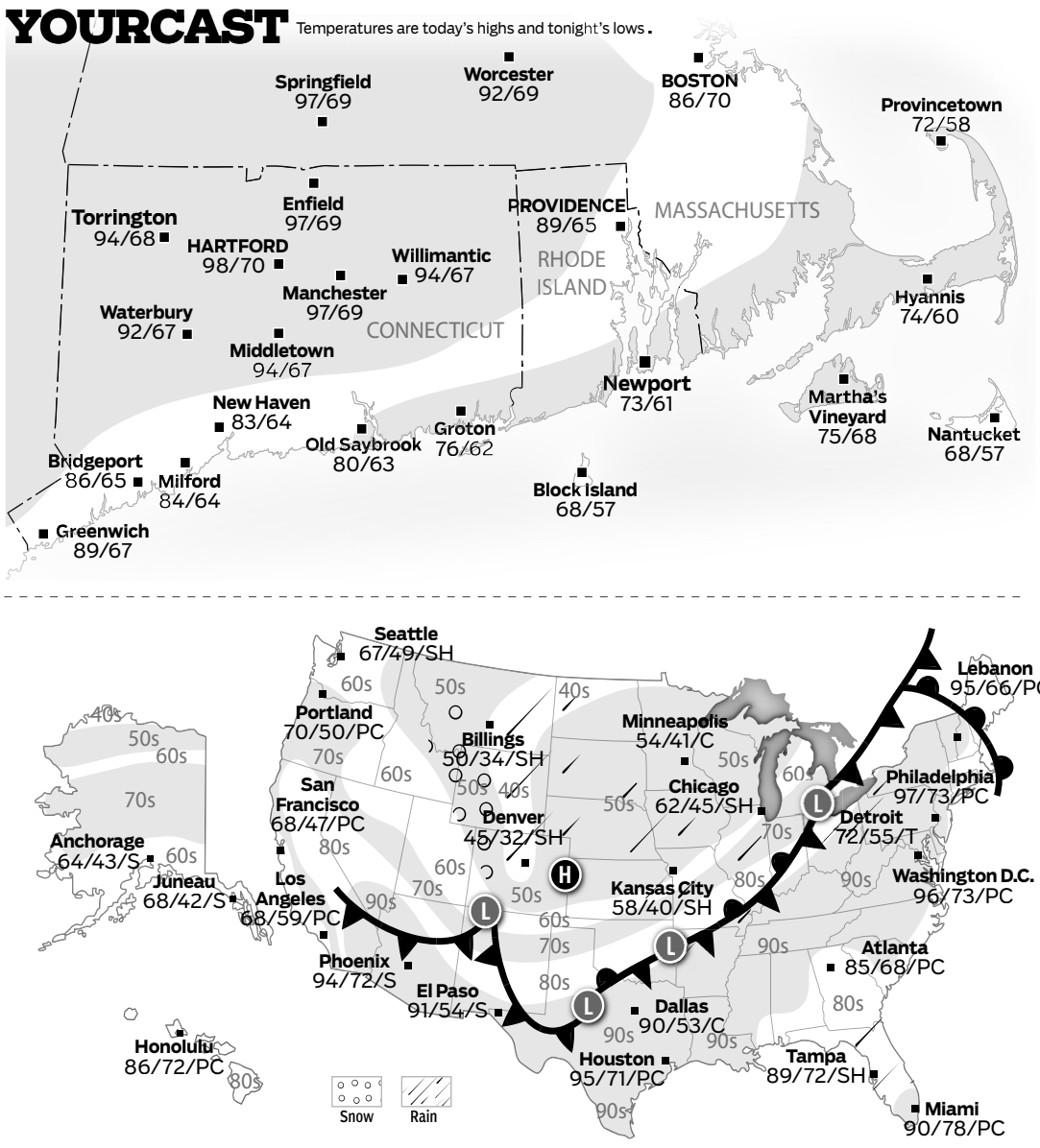
WEATHER

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Becoming mostly sunny, hot and humid. Southwest winds at 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly sunny, hot and humid.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, cooler and less humid.	Variable cloudiness and comfortable.	Variable cloudiness and comfortable.
HIGH 98° LOW 70°	HIGH 97° LOW 64°	HIGH 77° LOW 54°	HIGH 75° LOW 51°	HIGH 74° LOW 57°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

A Heat Advisory is in effect in Connecticut on Saturday for most of the state except for the shoreline which will be more comfortable. The advisory is scheduled to expire at 8 p.m. Saturday evening. A Bermuda high will pump hot and humid air northward up the seaboard throughout much of the Northeast both Saturday and Sunday with most inland areas reaching through the 90s and perhaps touching the 100-degree mark in the traditionally hottest locations like Bradley Airport. A cold front will move through Sunday night, then more comfortable temperatures on Monday.

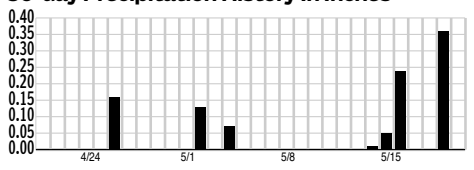
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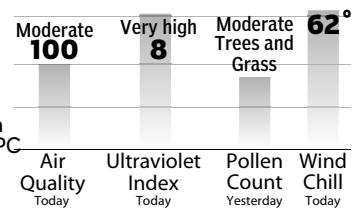
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.12
Month to date	0.86	2.37
Total this year	15.56	16.47

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	5:26 a.m.	5:25 a.m.
Sunset	8:09 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
Moonrise	1:19 a.m.	1:55 a.m.
Moonset	10:50 a.m.	12:04 p.m.

Moon Phase

Last	New	First	Full
May 22	May 30	June 7	June 14

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:12 a.m. 2:53 p.m.	9:02 a.m. 9:21 p.m.	57°
Saybrook Jetty	3:23 a.m. 4:04 p.m.	9:55 a.m. 10:14 p.m.	58°
Connecticut River at Portland	6:06 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	12:53 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	
Madison	3:41 a.m. 4:23 p.m.	10:05 a.m. 10:29 p.m.	58°
New Haven	4:01 a.m. 4:43 p.m.	10:29 a.m. 10:53 p.m.	58°
Stamford	4:05 a.m. 4:47 p.m.	10:43 a.m. 11:07 p.m.	58°

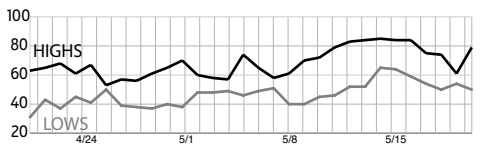
River Stage at Hartford: 6.23 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	Early fog	Early fog	Fog
Wind	SW, 5-10	SW, 5-10	S, 5-10
Seas	1 ft.	1 ft.	2-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Friday	79 at 1:09 p.m	50 at 5:30 a.m
Normal for date	73	50
Record for date	99 in 1996	30 in 2002
A year ago	81	49
Range this year	85	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - May 20	5298	5802	5357

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.00 at 9 a.m.	29.84 at 12 a.m.
Dew point	60° at 7 p.m.	49° at 6 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	95	69	PC	Nashville	91	66	PC	San Juan	88	77	PC	Budapest	81	58	PC
Bangor	64	54	C	Bismarck	48	30	SH	New Orleans	92	75	PC	Tucson	94	64	S	Buenos Aires	70	49	S
Burlington	92	67	PC	Boise	61	42	PC	New York	93	71	S	**WORLD**				Cairo	90	62	PC
Caribou	62	58	SH	Buffalo	79	62	PC	Okla. City	66	45	C					Cancun	88	80	SH
Concord	95	66	PC	Charleston	87	70	SH	Omaha	52	39	SH	Amsterdam	62	48	SH	Dubai	96	78	S
Montpelier	90	64	PC	Cincinnati	85	59	PC	Orlando	89	70	T	Athens	83	60	S	Dublin	62	53	C
Mt. Wash.	59	53	C	Cleveland	80	59	T	Pittsburgh	89	67	PC	Bangkok	84	78	SH	Edinburgh	61	53	C
Portland	76	59	PC	Indianapolis	79	53	T	Raleigh	94	68	PC	Barbados	82	75	PC	Helsinki	56	42	PC
Woods Hole	74	61	PC	Jacksonville	82	67	SH	St. Louis	70	49	SH	Beijing	98	69	PC	Hong Kong	77	70	SH
NATION				Las Vegas	88	68	S	Salt Lake City	63	44	PC	Beirut	80	70	S	Istanbul	78	57	S
Albany	94	69	PC	Miami Beach	89	77	PC	San Antonio	100	68	PC	Berlin	64	48	SH	Jerusalem	85	60	PC
Albuquerque	81	51	PC	Milwaukee	55	41	C	San Diego	64	59	C	Bermuda	76	71	PC	Johannesburg	54	45	SH
Atlantic City	94	70	S																

Kingston	90	74	PC	Stockholm	54	43	SH												
Lisbon	73	61	PC	Sydney	65	57	SH												
London	68	49	C	Tel Aviv	88	68	PC												
Madrid	95	65	PC	Tokyo	74	60	SH												
Mexico City	87	58	S	Toronto	70	56	SH												
Milan	91	65	PC	Vancouver	64	47	S												
Montreal	81	66	SH	Warsaw	66	48	SH												
Moscow	61	41	PC																
Nassau	84	78	PC																
New Delhi	104	81	PC																
Paris	76	56	PC																
Prague	73	51	PC																
Rio de Janeiro	73	64	S																
Rome	81	58	S																
Seoul	79	58	S																
Singapore	91	80	SH																

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-Inter
PLATT 14, BLOOMFIELD CO-OP 0
P 532-**31**—14-8-3
B 000-**00**—0-3-1
WP: Tucker Sperry. **LP:** Cody Chivinski. **HR: P**—Trent D'aniello. Rec.: **P**—14-4; **B**—3-13.
ECC
PLAINFIELD 8, BACON ACADEMY 5
BA 021-011-**0**—5-6-2
P 004-202-**x**—8-8-1
WP: Aiden McMaster. **LP:** Chris Lusignan. **HR: BA**—Jack Novak. Rec.: **P**—10-9; **BA**—16-3. **Note:** Andrew Navickas was 2-for-3with an RBI for Bacon.
NVL
ST. PAUL 16, WATERTOWN 1 (5)
W 000-**01**—1-2-5
SP 610-**9x**—16-14-1
WP: Brendan Foley. **LP:** Ian Glover. Rec.: **SP**—20-0; **W**—9-11. **Note:** Foley had 10strikeouts. Casey Cerruto was 3-for-4with 3RBI, Steve Morelli was 2-for-3with a triple, 2RBI and Devin Kulas was 2-for-3with a double, 1RBI.
Others
ROCKVILLE 5, CROMWELL 0
C 000-000-**0**—0-2-2
R 000-041-**x**—5-7-1
WP: Joe Stawski. **LP:** Connor Slifer. Rec.: **R**—10-9; **C**—8-12.

SOFTBALL

CCC-East
ENFIELD 3, RHAM 1
R 010-000-**0**—1-4-2
E 000-030-**x**—3-6-1
WP: Tiffany Lubanski. **LP:** Hadley Marchand. **HR: E**—Meredith Higgins. Rec.: **E**—15-4; **R**—15-4. **Note:** Higgins was 3-for-3with 2RBI. Marchand had 11strikeouts and had a double at the plate.
CCC-Inter
TOLLAND 6, WETHERSFIELD 2
WP: Elise McCaffrey. **LP:** Mackenzi Banet. **HR: W**—Alyssa Pericello. Rec.: **T**—13-6; **W**—12-7.
CRAL
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 19, CAPITAL PREP 5
CLA 450-370-**0**—19-12-0
CP 014-000-**0**—5-3-3
WP: Jenna Tinker. **LP:** Jenessa Pearson. Rec.: **CLA**—17-2; **CP**—0-10.
ECC
WINDHAM 6, TOURTELLOTTE 4
T 000-040-**0**—4-1-2
W 330-000-**x**—6-5-1
WP: Analise Escarraman. **LP:** Kylee Smith. Rec.: **W**—10-8; **T**—1-16. **Note:** Escarraman had 13 strikeouts. Aniya Jenkins was 2-for-2and Alyssa Lebiszczak had 2RBI for Windham.
WINDHAM 6, NEW LONDON 3
NL 001-110-**0**—3-2-5
W 010-140-**x**—6-5-2
WP: Analise Escarraman. **LP:** Alina Skrabacz. Rec.: **W**—11-8; **NL**—1-15. **Note:** Escarraman had 15strikeouts. Alyssa Lebiszczak was 3-for-4and Sol LeBron had 2RBI for Windham.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-Inter
LEWIS MILLS 3, EAST HARTFORD 0 (25-20, 25-19, 27-25)
LM: Alex Butwill, 18assists, 4aces, 4kills, Joshua Mazar, 37digs, 4assists, TJ Howlett, 13digs, 8 kills. Rec.: **LM**—2-16; **EH**—0-16.
SIMSBURY 3, BULKELEY/SMSA 0 (25-9, 25-10, 25-6)
S: Vlad Charnowski, 6kills, 2blocks, Steven Yoon, 13digs. Rec.: **S**—11-8; **BS**—3-16.
Others
ENFIELD 3, ROCKVILLE 0 (25-15, 25-15, 25-13)
E: Drew Rancourt, 12kills, 7digs, 5aces, Fritz-Carly Andre, 5kills, 2blocks, John Bellafronte, 4 kills, 3aces, 2blocks. Rec.: **E**—15-3; **R**—8-11.

BOYS GOLF

CCC-East
EAST CATHOLIC 163, E.O. SMITH 170
Medalist: Adam Eskin, East Catholic, 35at Tallwood CC, Hebron.
NCCC
COVENTRY 174, WINDSOR LOCKS 244
Medalists: Cam Heath and Jacob Pacheco, Coventry, 43at Copper Hill GC, East Granby.
Shoreline
PORTLAND 156, OLD SAYBROOK 178
Medalist: Luke Stennett, Portland, 35at Fenwick GC, Old Saybrook.
SCC
CHESHIRE 159, XAVIER 163
Medalist: AJ DePaulo, Cheshire, 36at Portland GC.
NVL
ST. PAUL 177, HOLY CROSS 180
Medalist: Matt Downes, St. Paul, 38at Chippanee GC, Bristol.
Others
SOUTH WINDSOR 177, ROCKVILLE 189
Medalist: Michael Naylor, Rockville, 44at Topstone GC, South Windsor.

GIRLS GOLF

Others
LEWIS MILLS 213, SUFFIELD 258
Medalist: Kaitlyn Bell, Lewis Mills, 50at Suffield CC.

BOYS TENNIS

NCCC
ELLINGTON 7, CANTON/EAST GRANBY 0

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-South
LEWIS MILLS 4, PLATT 3
NCCC
ELLINGTON 6, CANTON 1
SCC
FORAN 4, LYMAN HALL 3

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BASEBALL

CCC-West
FARMINGTON 12, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 1
CCC-Inter
GLASTONBURY 3, NEW BRITAIN 0
AVON 2, BRISTOL CENTRAL 0
WETHERSFIELD 9, SOUTH WINDSOR 2

SCC
SHEEHAN 16, WILBUR CROSS 5
LYMAN HALL 10, HILLHOUSE/CAREER 4
Others
COVENTRY 3, EAST HAMPTON 2
EH 110-000-**0**—2-3-2
C 010-010-**1**—3-6-1
WP: AJ Rooks. **LP:** Baden Plante. Rec.: **C**—14-5; **EH**—8-12. **Note:** Gavin Covell had the walk-off sac fly RBI, scoring Austin Jonas who led off the inning with a triple. Rooks got the win in relief, allowing 1hit over 3innings with 5strikeouts. Dan Cascio had an RBI triple for East Hampton.
SMSA 10, BLOOMFIELD CO-OP 3
B 012-000-**0**—3-2-3
S 010-315-**x**—10-10-1
WP: Rory Mayer. **LP:** Myles Fournier. Rec.: **S**—10-10; **B**—3-14. **Note:** Mayer didn't allow a hit over 4innings of scoreless relief with 9strikeouts, 2 walks. He was 3-for-5with an RBI at the plate. Ryu Marcial was 2-for-4with 3RBI. Fournier was 1-for-2with an RBI, run scored.
GOODWIN TECH 11, INNOVATION 8
GT 003-304-**1**—11-9-3
I 600-010-**1**—8-6-5
WP: Mike Lukaszewski. **LP:** Adam Rentas. Rec.: **GT**—8-12; **I**—9-9. **Note:** Lukaszewski, Andrew Koscho and Nick Jusino each had a double for Goodwin.
ST. BERNARD 8, E.O. SMITH 3
ELLINGTON 12, HARTFORD PUBLIC/HMTCA 0 (5)
COGINCHAUG 5, MIDDLETOWN 2
VALLEY REGIONAL 4, WATERFORD 1
EAST WINDSOR 10, MLC 1

SOFTBALL

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 9, BRISTOL EASTERN 3
MIDDLETOWN 9, LEWIS MILLS 2

CCC-East
East Hartford at Manchester, 6p.m.
CCC-West
HALL 4, CONARD 1
C 001-000-**0**—1-3-0
H 001-030-**x**—4-8-0
WP: Sophie Garner-MacKinnon. **LP:** Tatyanah Datil. Rec.: **H**—16-2; **C**—9-11. **Note:** Garner-MacKinnon allowed 1run on 3hits with 15strikeouts, 1walk. Tessa Hache and Piper Garner-MacKinnon each had a triple for Hall.
GLASTONBURY 11, SIMSBURY 6
CCC-Inter
EAST CATHOLIC 15, NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 0 (5)
EC 332-**52**—15-13-0
NWC 000-**00**—0-0-1
WP: Kylie Bachand. **LP:** Brooke Popella. **HR: EC**—Ally Parent, Ciara Flaherty. Rec.: **EC**—8-10; **NWC**—5-15. **Note:** Bachand tossed a no-hitter with 5strikeouts, 3walks. Parent was 4-for-4 with 4RBI.
NCCC
BOLTON 2, WINDSOR LOCKS 1
Shoreline
HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 15, MORGAN 1 (5)
M 001-**00**—1-3-0
HK 058-**2x**—15-12-1
WP: Kaleigh Bodak. **LP:** Sarah Williams. Rec.: **HK**—18-2; **M**—4-15. **Note:** Bodak allowed 1run on 3hits with 6strikeouts. Chey LaTouche had a triple, double, 2RBI.
CROMWELL 4, NORTH BRANFORD 0
CRAL
PARISH HILL 15, MLC 2

Others
BLOOMFIELD 17, PRINCE TECH 16
PT 324-613-**2**—16-4-7
B 436-030-**1**—17-4-8
WP: Taraji Larmond. **LP:** Carolina Alvarado. Rec.: **B**—5-14; **PT**—4-14. **Note:** Tara Figueroa scored the game-winning run on a throwing error while stealing 3rd.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP/AEROSPACE 25, GRASSO TECH 13
GT 111-550-**0**—13-11-3
CLA 582-460-**x**—25-9-1
WP: Nysy Soto. **LP:** Samantha Post. **HR: CLA**—Selenia Fuentes. Rec.: **CLA**—18-2; **GT**—0-13.
COVENTRY 7, EAST HAMPTON 2
GOODWIN TECH 21, INNOVATION 17

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-Central
AVON 9, SOUTHINGTON 8
GLASTONBURY 9, SIMSBURY 2

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-North
HALL 8, CONARD 7 (OT)
Goals: H—Talia Sortman (4), Emma Keller (3), Caitlin Regan; **C**—Sophia Lynch (3), Olivia Hole (2), Ruby Czajkowski, Leah Williams. **Saves: H**—Talia Leshem, 10; **C**—Nora Reardon, 2. Rec.: **H**—6-9; **C**—6-8. **Note:** Sortman scored with 23 seconds left in OT.
GLASTONBURY 14, SOUTH WINDSOR 10
FARMINGTON 9, AVON 6

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 6, BRISTOL EASTERN 5
Shoreline
NORTH BRANFORD 16, MORGAN 6
Others
BERLIN 21, ST. BERNARD 6
VALLEY REGIONAL 21, ROCKVILLE 7

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East
GLASTONBURY 3, WETHERSFIELD 0 (25-16, 25-13, 25-22)
G: Zach Kridler, 5blocks, Eric Rose, 11kills, 6 blocks; **W:** Andrew Knapp, 6kills, John Lleshi, 7 kills. Rec.: **G**—17-0; **W**—7-11.
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, EAST HARTFORD 0
CCC-West
CONARD 3, HALL 0 (25-16, 25-14, 25-21)
C: Aidan Buyak, 7kills, 2aces, Hugh Baldwin, 6 assists, 3kills; **H:** Ethan Campbell, 18assists, 5 digs, 2aces, William Hosey, 12kills. Rec.: **C**—11-6; **H**—7-11.
FARMINGTON 3, SIMSBURY 0 (25-23, 25-19, 25-21)
F: Mark Chernyak, 11kills, 5blocks, 1ace. Rec.: **F**—15-5; **S**—11-9.

Others
NEW BRITAIN 3, HMTCA 0 (25-4, 25-11, 25-13)
NB: Lexus Sanchez, 10kills, Davin Siharath, 22 assists, 4kills. Rec.: **NB**—11-7; **H**—0-5.

BOYS GOLF

Shoreline
OLD SAYBROOK 186, EAST HAMPTON 281

GIRLS GOLF

CCC-West
SIMSBURY 196, CONARD 202
SCC
AMITY 186, CHESHIRE 195
Medalist: Sydney Hidalgo, Cheshire, 38at Race Brook CC, Orange.
Others
MANCHESTER 202, NFA 216, BACON ACADEMY 239
Medalist: Ella Golas, Manchester, 47at Chanticlair GC, Colchester.

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 7, NEWINGTON 0

CCC-South
BRISTOL CENTRAL 5, BRISTOL EASTERN 2
CCC-East
EAST HARTFORD 4, MANCHESTER 3
SOUTH WINDSOR 6, EAST CATHOLIC 1
CCC-West
AVON 6, FARMINGTON 1
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 4, SOUTHINGTON 3
HALL 6, CONARD 1

Shoreline
EAST HAMPTON 5, CROMWELL 2

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-North
WETHERSFIELD 4, NEWINGTON 3
WINDSOR 7, BLOOMFIELD 0
CCC-South
BERLIN 7, PLAINVILLE 0
MIDDLETOWN 4, LEWIS MILLS 3

Platt at Maloney
CCC-East
EAST CATHOLIC 5, SOUTH WINDSOR 2

CCC-West
HALL 5, CONARD 2
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 5, SOUTHINGTON 2
GLASTONBURY 7, SIMSBURY 0

NCCC
WINDSOR LOCKS 7, BOLTON 0
SCC
CHESHIRE 6, LAW 1
LAURALTON HALL 5, MERCY 2
Others
SHEEHAN 7, WILCOX TECH 0

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

CCC-**Inter:** Tolland at Windsor, 3:30p.m.
Shoreline: Old Lyme at Haddam-Killingworth, 10:30a.m.; Coginchaug at Hale-Ray, 11a.m.; Portland at Valley Regional, 4p.m.
ECC: Bacon Academy at NFA, 11a.m.
Others: Plainfield at RHAM, 10a.m.; Northwest Catholic at Granby, 10a.m.; University/Classical at Suffield, 11a.m.; Westbrook at Whitney Tech, 11a.m.; Woodstock Academy at Ellington, 11 a.m.; Putnam at Valley Regional, noon; Windham Tech at Lyman Memorial, noon; Windham at Ellis Tech, 3:45p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-**East:** E.O. Smith at East Catholic, 1p.m.
CRAL: Capital Prep at Parish Hill (2), 11a.m.
ECC: Windham at Montville, 10a.m.
Others: South Windsor at Ellington, 9a.m.; Morgan at Guilford, 10a.m.; Avon at Windsor Locks, 10a.m.; East Hampton at East Granby, 10 a.m.; Old Saybrook at Fitch, 11a.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-**Inter:** Wethersfield at RHAM, 9:30a.m.; Lewis Mills at Farmington, 11a.m.; Northwest Catholic at East Catholic, 3p.m.
Others: Waterford at Old Lyme, 10:30a.m.; Law at Norwich Tech/Windham Tech, 11a.m.; Tolland at Bacon Academy, 11a.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-**Central:** Northwest Catholic at East Catholic, 11a.m.
Others: Simsbury at Fitch, 12:30p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Others: Randy Smith Journal-Inquirer Invitational (Manchester HS), 9a.m.

BOYS TENNIS

Others: Weston at Hall, 10a.m.; Wilcox Tech at East Hampton, 12:30p.m.; Old Lyme at Stonington, 2p.m.

THURSDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

GEORGETOWN 13, UCONN 2
HARTFORD 13, MAINE 8
CENTRAL 6, MERRIMACK 1
NIAGARA 8, QUINNIPIAC 7 (11)
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 12, SACRED HEART 5
FAIRFIELD 9, SIENA 3

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

HARTFORD 11, MAINE 9
CENTRAL 11, MERRIMACK 1
NIAGARA 7, QUINNIPIAC 5
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 8, SACRED HEART 4
FAIRFIELD 15, SIENA 4
UCONN AT GEORGETOWN, LATE
NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Regionals (Rochester, N.Y.)
EASTERN 10, SWARTHMORE 7

SOFTBALL

NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Super Regional (best-of-3)
EASTERN 1, RANDOLPH-MACON 0

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

UConn at Georgetown, noon
Maine at Hartford, noon
Merrimack at Central, 1p.m.
Quinnipiac at Niagara, 1p.m.
Sacred Heart at Fairleigh Dickinson, 1p.m.
Siena at Fairfield, 1p.m.
NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Regionals (Rochester, N.Y.)
Middlebury vs. Eastern, 2:30p.m.

SOFTBALL

NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Super Regional (best-of-3)
Randolph-Macon at Eastern (Game 2), noon
Randolph-Macon at Eastern (Game 3, if necessary), 2:30p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

NCAA Div. I **Tourney**—Quarterfinal (Hempstead, N.Y.)
Princeton vs. Yale, 2:30p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

NCAA Div. III **Tourney**—Third Round (Gettysburg, Pa.)
Wesleyan vs. Washington & Lee, 2:30p.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Standings

Team	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	16-3	.842	43-11	.796
Creighton	14-5	.737	29-16	.644
Xavier	12-8	.600	30-25	.545
Georgetown	9-10	.474	30-21	.588
Villanova	8-11	.421	19-28-1	.406
St. John's	7-11-1	.395	22-31-1	.417
Seton Hall	7-12	.368	18-34	.346
Butler	3-16-1	.175	19-35-1	.355

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

GEORGETOWN 13, UCONN 2
CREIGHTON 7, VILLANOVA 1
XAVIER 3, ST. JOHN'S 0
BUTLER 8, SETON HALL 7

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

XAVIER 9, ST. JOHN'S 3
SETON HALL 12, BUTLER 6
UCONN AT GEORGETOWN, LATE

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Creighton at Villanova (2), 10a.m.
UConn at Georgetown, noon
Seton Hall at Butler, 1p.m.
St. John's at Xavier, 1p.m.

EASTERN LEAGUE

Standings

Northeast	W	L	PCT	GB
Somerset	23	12	.657	—
Hartford	22	14	.611	1.5
Portland	17	19	.472	6.5
Reading	17	19	.472	6.5
New Hampshire	16	19	.457	7
Binghamton	11	24	.314	12
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT**	**GB**
Akron	21	15	.583	—
Richmond	21	15	.583	—
Erie	19	17	.528	2
Harrisburg	17	18	.486	3.5
Altoona	16	20	.444	5
Bowie	13	21	.382	7

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

HARTFORD 5, BOWIE 4
ERIE 5-7, NEW HAMPSHIRE 1-0
RICHMOND 5, ALTOONA 4
READING 12, SOMERSET 4
AKRON 13, BINGHAMTON 1

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Hartford at Bowie, late
Richmond at Altoona, late
New Hampshire at Erie, late
Reading at Somerset, late
Akron at Binghamton, late
Harrisburg at Portland (2), late

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MIX IT UP ON THE GRILL

By Kelli Foster
TheKitchn.com



Feast on a platter of delicious grilled mixed vegetables, merguez sausage and halloumi cheese. **JASON RAMPE/THEKITCHN.COM**

This Memorial Day, I'm so excited to host my friends and grill delicious things for them. Instead of opting for burgers and dogs, I'm going into full-on celebration mode with an abundant mixed grill.

A mixed grill's customizable nature makes it perfect for guests. The veggies featured here — fennel, tomatoes, summer squash, endive and scallions — are very complementary to the spicy, lamby merguez sausage. But if you prefer another sausage or want to switch up the veggies, feel free to build your own platter and use this recipe as a guideline.

One thing you shouldn't skip? The halloumi. The firm cheese, which hails from Cyprus, is tangy and salty and has a high melting point, making it perfect for the grill.

Slice it into planks and toss it on the grates, where it will take on the most gorgeous grill marks. Just be mindful to only grill one side: Grilling both sides will dry out the cheese, making it less pleasant to eat.

If you're serving vegans or vegetarians, grill the vegetables first to prevent cross-contamination, then cook the bread and cheese, and finish with any meat. I like to get everything prepped and onto a sheet tray before I start, which makes it easy to get it all from the kitchen to the grill. Then, I place each ingredient back onto the tray as it comes off the grill. If you start building the platter while you're cooking, you could lose track of what's happening on the grill. Plus, you may want to separate any meat from the platter for serving.

The chickpeas on this platter feature one of my favorite summer party tricks: cooking with cast iron on the grill. This technique infuses a smoky flavor into ingredients that aren't grill-friendly.

Here, canned chickpeas get the charred and blistered treatment.

The process is as easy as it sounds. Heat a cast iron skillet directly on the grill grates until hot. Add a splash of oil, pour in the chickpeas, and cook until they're beginning to char and crisp, about two minutes. The crispy chickpeas add great plant-based protein to the platter.

Once everything is grilled, you'll arrange it all on the serving platter. I like to finish with a healthy sprinkling of mixed herbs to bring balance and freshness to all the smoky veggies, and eat everything with a little garlic-infused mayonnaise. You can stuff all the ingredients into a pita or, if you're like me and cooking with fire brings out your primal side, eat it all with your hands.

If you're looking for more serving ideas, the options are endless. Fry some capers and sprinkle them across the platter. Don't like mayo? Toss everything in Italian dressing or serve with some herb sauce. Bring in some heat with red pepper flakes, your favorite hot sauce or one of my favorites, shatta.

This is also a great time to bring out the good olive oil and give everything a healthy glug. The beauty of this recipe is that it's infinitely customizable, so grill what you like, pile it all on a platter and serve it to the people you love.

GRILLED MERGUEZ SAUSAGES AND VEGGIES WITH CRISPY CHICKPEAS

Makes: 8 servings

For the garlic mayonnaise and serving:
2 cloves garlic
1 medium lemon
½ cup mayonnaise
½ teaspoon kosher salt
½ cup mixed tender fresh herbs, such as parsley, cilantro, dill, fennel fronds, mint and chives
For the mixed grill:
8 (about 8-inch) skewers
1 (about 15-ounce) can garbanzo beans
6 (about 6-inch) pita breads
1 bunch scallions
1 medium zucchini (about 8 ounces)
1 medium yellow summer squash (about 8 ounces)
1 pint cherry tomatoes (about 12 ounces)
2 medium endives
1 large fennel bulb (about 1 pound)
8 to 9 ounces halloumi cheese
1 pound merguez sausage (4 to 5 links)
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided, plus more for the grill grates
2 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt
2 tablespoons olive oil

1. If using wooden skewers, soak 8 skewers in water for 1 hour. Meanwhile, make the garlic mayo and prep the herbs.
2. Finely grate 2 garlic cloves into a small bowl. Finely grate the zest of ½ medium lemon into the bowl. Halve the lemon and juice one half into the bowl (about 1 ½ tablespoons); reserve the remaining lemon half. Add ½ cup mayonnaise and ½ teaspoon kosher salt to the bowl and stir to combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve.
3. Pick ½ cup mixed fresh herb leaves, tear into bite-sized pieces and refrigerate.
4. Heat an outdoor grill for direct, medium-high heat. Meanwhile, prepare the mixed grill ingredients.
5. Line half a baking sheet with paper towels. Drain and rinse 1 can garbanzo beans, then place on the paper towels. Prepare the following, placing them on the other half the baking sheet: Halve 6 pita breads. Trim 1 bunch scallions. Halve 1 medium zucchini and 1 medium yellow squash lengthwise.
6. Prepare the following and place on a second baking sheet: Skewer 1 pint cherry tomatoes (5 to 6 per skewer). Quarter 2 endives lengthwise through the core. Trim 1 large fennel bulb, then cut through the core into 8 wedges. Cover the endive and fennel with a damp paper towel to keep from oxidizing. Cut 8 to 9 ounces halloumi crosswise into ½-inch-thick planks and place in a small bowl.
7. Place 1 pound merguez sausages on a separate plate. Brush everything on the baking sheets and sausages (brush those last if serving vegetarians) with ¼ cup of the vegetable oil. Season the vegetables with 2 ¼ teaspoons kosher salt.
8. When the grill is ready, scrub the grates clean if needed. Oil the grates with a paper towel dipped in vegetable oil.
9. Grill each ingredient uncovered, working in a few batches so that the grill is not crowded. Return each ingredient to the baking sheet as it is ready:
■ Heat a cast iron skillet directly on the grill grates until hot. Add 2 tablespoons vegetable oil. When the oil shimmers, add the garbanzo beans and discard the paper towel. Cook until the beans are starting to char and crisp, about 2 minutes. Return the beans to the baking sheet and remove the skillet from the grill (careful, hot!).
■ Grill the fennel until crisp-tender and charred in spots, about 3 minutes per side.
■ Grill the tomato skewers until charred in spots and starting to burst, about 1 ½ minutes.
■ Grill the zucchini and yellow squash until crisp-tender and grill marks appear, about 2 minutes per side.
■ Grill the endive until charred in spots and starting to wilt, about 1 ½ minutes per side.
■ Grill the scallions perpendicular to the grill grates until charred in spots, about 2 minutes.
■ Grill the pita until charred in spots, 30 seconds to 1 minute per side.
■ Grill the halloumi on only one side until grill marks appear, about 45 seconds, then remove from the grill with a spatula.
■ Grill the sausages until charred in spots and cooked through, about 2 ½ minutes per side. Transfer to a clean plate if feeding vegetarians.
10. Cut the zucchini and squash crosswise into 1-inch pieces. Coarsely chop the scallions. Toss the zucchini and scallions together. Quarter each sausage crosswise on a slight diagonal.
11. Decoratively arrange all the grilled foods on a platter, placing the sausages on a separate plate if serving vegetarians. Drizzle 2 tablespoons olive oil and squeeze the reserved half lemon over the vegetables.
12. Dollop the garlic mayonnaise over the vegetables, or serve separately in a bowl. Garnish the platter with the reserved herbs.



Braised lamb shanks with peppers simmer mostly unattended. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

What my mother's cooking taught me

Her 'care in the kitchen shaped my approach as a food writer and home cook'

By Florence Fabricant
The New York Times

Whenever I slice and sauté onions, I think of my mother.

No, she did not make me cry, but her meticulous handling of a mundane kitchen task left a lasting impression, one that informs my own cooking. Slice the onions and monitor their progress in the skillet so the result is a bronzed, sweetly fragrant tangle. Do not rush: Keep the heat on medium and stir frequently to guarantee no bitter burned edges.

Born in 1908, my mother, Annette Newman Gertner, was a Jewish American housewife from Manhattan. Before I was born, she was a secretary at an advertising agency, Lord & Thomas, where she had to sign letters using a fake man's name. (They did not want a woman's on the correspondence.) But cooking was in her DNA, and now in mine.

She learned from her mother, Fanny Newman, who was born in Russia and died when my mother was 19 — and for whom I was named. But my mother's cooking went well beyond the chopped liver, stuffed cabbage, kasha varnishkes and chicken soup of her Eastern European background, both in attention to detail and imagination.

Innovation was her style. She did not throw hamburgers on our backyard grill. Rather, she seared slices of filet mignon for sandwiches and grilled whole beef tenderloins for parties.

She loved dining out with my father, Lee Gertner, and would sometimes incorporate what she tasted in her own cooking, like broiling lamb chops medium-rare instead of the leaden well-done of the 1950s.

While I cannot recall her consulting many written recipes, preferring to follow her own instincts, I enjoyed cooking at her side, and saw how she tweaked flavor with a spritz of lemon or another pinch of salt.

Now that my children and grandchildren are accomplished cooks, I regret that they were never able to share the kitchen with their Nana. They would have experienced the meaning of patience and generosity.

There was nothing special in her arsenal: Her kitchen, which was not kosher, was equipped with everyday cast-iron and Farberware cookware, a well-worn wooden chopping bowl and mezzaluna, a glass double boiler, an enameled oval blue-and-white-speckled roaster and a pressure cooker. But she insisted on having a Chambers range — top of the line in the 1940s.

She loved to entertain and did so frequently, with the dinnerware, linens, serving pieces, Limoges fish set and crystal stemware necessary, in her view, to accommodate and, yes, impress her guests. Even for family meals in the kitchen, a bottle of milk or maple syrup would be decanted into a pitcher, a habit that I carry forward, with wine the singular exception.

When shopping for food, she was demanding. The butcher and fishmonger at the local market catered to her, as did an Italian greengrocer, setting aside her favorite Simpson lettuces. I recall expeditions from Westchester County to Macy's Manhattan food shops for croissants, the ones my parents preferred, and wine and imported cheeses.

Her love of individuality came out in other ways. Unlike many women of the time, she was surprisingly adept around an automobile engine, and she loved to fish, traveling with my father to Florida for bonefish and to Maine for landlocked salmon. I did not inherit the fishing gene but, growing up, I welcomed being part of a household that valued good food both at the stove and in restaurants: That appreciation generated and shaped my decadeslong career writing about food, and to some extent, my very being.

So did her social life. My parents were partygoers, attending benefit dinners and regularly visiting supper clubs like the Blue Angel. And they were devoted to the restaurant scene, frequenting the lavish Forum of the Twelve Caesars, a French seafood bistro called L'Armorique and the more elaborate Chateaubriand, now just memories.

They also liked Pietro's and Pen and Pencil for steaks, and, before theater, the Algonquin, all still in business today. My father loved going to Dominick's on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx; my mother did not, so I was corralled. But my mother prepared his favorite steak "Italian-style," rubbed with olive oil and garlic, and strewn with parsley.

I remember those steaks. I can make her peerless chopped liver and chicken soup by heart. Her braised lamb shanks with bell peppers and onions, a study in succulence, were her version of a dish from the Balkan-Armenian, a restaurant on East 27th Street. Her potato noodles were a family recipe. She also loved to roast whole racks of veal, slathered with a mosaic of onions and oranges run through in a small iron meat grinder clamped to the kitchen counter. I've streamlined the recipe using a food processor and downscaled it with chicken.

My mother would have welcomed the food processor. But chicken instead of veal? Doubtful.



Chicken roasted with oranges and onions is an adaptation of a dish made originally with racks of veal. **DAVID MALOSH/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

CHICKEN WITH ORANGE AND ONION

In this recipe, adapted from my mother, Annette Gertner, an orange, pith, skin and all, provides a bittersweet counterpoint for tangy onion to season and dress a whole, broken-down chicken that's browned on one side, then baked. Worcestershire sauce binds the flavors with a good amount of umami, while some bits of orange and onion caramelize in the oven and enrich the pan sauce.

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 1 hour
1 orange
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1 medium-large yellow onion, coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 (3 ½- to 4-pound) frying chicken, cut in 10 pieces
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon unsalted butter
½ cup dry white wine

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Cut orange in half and juice it. You should have at least ⅔ cup of juice. Add Worcestershire sauce. Set aside. Cut orange peel, with pith, into 1-inch pieces. Place orange peel and onion in food processor and pulse to chop fairly fine, or chop both together by hand. Spread half this mixture in a baking dish large enough to hold the chicken snugly in a single layer (a 9-by-13-inch pan should suffice).

2. Using a whisk or fork, mix ginger, ¼ teaspoon salt and pepper (to taste) in a shallow bowl. Season the chicken with it, then dredge chicken pieces in flour to coat only the skin side. Heat butter in a large, heavy skillet on medium high. Brown chicken on skin side and transfer, skin side up, to the baking dish on the bed of orange and onion.

3. Pour orange juice, Worcestershire sauce and wine into skillet. Cook on medium for 2 to 3 minutes, scraping up any residue in the skillet. Stir in reserved minced chopped orange peel and onion. Pour over and around chicken. Bake for about 45 minutes, basting a few times, until dark meat juices run clear when pierced with a knife. Serve directly from the baking dish or transfer to a platter and serve.



Annette Newman Gertner on a bonefish excursion near Boca Grande, Florida, in 1960. **FLORENCE FABRICANT**

BRAISED LAMB SHANKS WITH PEPPERS

Hearty and aromatic, this braised lamb dish, adapted from my mother, Annette Gertner, takes inspiration from the Middle East by way of Eastern Europe. It simmers mostly unattended and even benefits from being made earlier in the day — or even a day or two in advance — and reheated. The four shanks yield four copious portions. (The recipe will serve six if every guest does not insist on having a bone.) Orzo alongside will sop up the sauce.

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 3 hours
4 small-to-medium lamb shanks (3 to 3 ½ pounds), excess fat and silver skin removed
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and ground black pepper
1 large green bell pepper, cored, ribs removed, cut in ½-inch strips
1 large red bell pepper, cored, ribs removed, cut in ½-inch strips
4 small yellow onions (about 1 pound), peeled and quartered vertically
3 large garlic cloves, smashed
1 teaspoon dill seed, crushed in a mortar
1 teaspoon paprika, preferably Hungarian
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup chicken stock
½ cup dry red wine
3 tablespoons tomato paste
1 tablespoon dried oregano
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons minced fresh dill

1. Pat dry lamb shanks. In a heavy casserole or Dutch oven that will hold all the shanks, heat oil on medium-high. Add lamb shanks and brown on all sides, about 10 minutes. Remove to a platter. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium-low.

2. Add bell peppers and onions to the pan. Sauté, stirring, until the vegetables wilt and just begin to color, 5 to 6 minutes. Add garlic, dill seed, paprika and cinnamon. Stir. Add stock and wine. Bring to a simmer. Stir in tomato paste and oregano. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in lemon juice. Return lamb shanks to the pot along with any juices on the platter. Cover them with a piece of parchment or waxed paper, cover pot with lid, reduce heat to very low and cook about 2 hours, basting the shanks occasionally and turning them at least once until the meat is very tender when pierced with a knife.

3. Remove shanks from the pot. Increase heat to medium and reduce sauce by about a third, about 10 minutes. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed. Return shanks to the pot, baste and reheat. Serve directly from the casserole or transfer to a serving dish. Strew with fresh dill before serving.

POTATO NOODLES

Here's a grandmother's recipe related to gnocchi but from a grandmother who was not Italian. In this recipe from my mother, Annette Gertner, a potato-based dough is formed into small noodle shapes, which are tossed with breadcrumbs and onions, Austrian-style. Another way to serve the noodles is to gently fold them with warm sour cream and chives.

Makes: 4 side-dish servings
Total time: 1 hour
1 large baking potato, such as russet, peeled
1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 teaspoons salt, plus more for pot
⅔ to ¾ cup all-purpose flour, plus more for rolling
1 large onion, thinly sliced and separated into rings
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
½ cup dry plain breadcrumbs
1 teaspoon minced fresh dill

1. Cut potato in quarters, place in a pot with water to cover, bring to a boil over high heat and cook until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and mash until smooth in a large bowl. Allow it to cool to lukewarm. Stir in the egg and half the salt. Mix in enough flour to make a soft dough that's not sticky. Spread more flour on a board and transfer dough to the board. Knead lightly for a minute or two. Roll or pat into a rectangle that's about ¼-inch thick.

2. Mix onion with remaining teaspoon salt and spread in a large, heavy skillet. Cover and place over low heat to steam until tender but not brown, 5 to 8 minutes. Set aside.

3. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Slice dough into ¼-inch wide strips and cut into 1-inch-long pieces. Drop into boiling water, reduce heat to medium, and cook until noodles rise to the surface, 1 to 3 minutes. Drain and toss with 1 tablespoon of the butter. Keep covered.

4. Add remaining butter to the skillet with the onions. Cook on medium until the butter melts, toss, add breadcrumbs and dill and cook for a few minutes until ingredients are well-combined and the breadcrumbs are fragrant. Add noodles, reheat and gently fold everything together and serve.

Placing a bet on Italian grapes in California

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times


From left, Kevin Harvey, the proprietor of Aeris, Javier Tapia, the vineyard manager, and Jeff Brinkman, the winemaker, at Rhys Vineyards's Centennial Mountain vineyard in Santa Clara County, California. **FRANCESCA TAMSE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

CENTENNIAL MOUNTAIN, Calif. — The 10 acres of nebbiolo growing on this remote ridge about 10 miles from the Pacific in northern Sonoma County make the vineyard unusual enough in California. The other grapes make it positively singular.

No other vineyard in the country but this one, as far as I can tell, has blocks of carricante and nerello mascalese, the two most significant white and red grapes grown on Mount Etna in Sicily.

One grower, Kevin Harvey, a former venture capitalist turned wine entrepreneur, is wagering that here in California, he can produce a great nebbiolo, which has proved difficult anywhere beyond the grape's home territory in northern Italy. Not only that, he is betting he can make world-class carricantes and nerello mascaleses, which may never have been tried outside Sicily.

The Centennial vineyard is also an effort to determine whether, as some people believe, California is full of great wine terroirs that have not yet been discovered.

Harvey's first wine investment, Rhys Vineyards, which produces exquisite pinot noirs, has paid off handsomely in terms of the quality of the wines and their critical reception. But the track record of Italian varieties in California, or anywhere outside Italy, is not great.

Yet Harvey is applying the same tenacity and obsessive attention to detail to this project as he did with Rhys 20 years ago, when he combed the back roads of the Santa Cruz Mountains, looking for rocky slopes that he believed would make exceptional sites for vineyards.

Rhys now has six vineyards in the Santa Cruz area, each different geologically and all hard to farm, along with another in the Anderson Valley of Mendocino County and another in development in northern Mendocino.

Rhys is focused on French varieties. In addition to the pinot noirs, it makes smaller amounts of chardonnay and syrah.

Harvey's Italian venture is entirely different. It has its own name, Aeris, and aside from the grapes grown in Sonoma, it has two vineyards on Mount Etna, where it grows grapes and makes wines in association with Salvo Foti, who has played a crucial role in the revival of traditional Etna viticulture and wine production over the last 25 years.

Harvey has always been devoted to nebbiolo, the great grape primarily associated with Barolo and Barbaresco, but it was his discovery of carricante that sealed the Aeris deal. He was in Italy with his wife 17 years ago, when he stopped in a shop full of wines he had never tried before. One was a 2001 Pietra Marina from Benanti, an Etna Bianco Superiore made by Foti entirely of carricante.

"We drank it and it was revelatory," Harvey said. "It was like grand cru Burgundy meets grand cru Alsace riesling. That really captivated me."

By 2016, Foti and Harvey had a 15-acre carricante vineyard in Milo on the east face of Etna, prime carricante territory.

Foti, whom Harvey called "the high priest of indigenous grapes," was also searching Etna for old vineyards of nerello mascalese at high elevation. When he found largely abandoned century-old vines at 2,000 to 3,000 feet on the north face of Etna near the town of Montelaguardia, Harvey stepped in. Aeris had another Etna vineyard.

"Nerello was the third leg of the stool that became Aeris," he said.

Plans for California were unfolding simultaneously. Harvey was particularly excited about carricante, which he saw as a possible response to the climate change.

"In a warm climate it makes a great wine of low alcohol and high acidity," he said. "It's a great fit for California."

It would seem that the distance between nebbiolo's home in northern Italy and carricante's in Sicily might preclude finding a single site that would accommodate both, along with nerello mascalese. But Harvey's research suggested otherwise.

"People think nebbiolo is a cool-climate grape, but it's actually warm," he said. The reason nebbiolo was so often unsuccessful outside northern Italy, he said, was that it was planted in the wrong climate.

He determined that the best place in California would be in the coastal mountain ranges at a high enough altitude that the daytime heat would be moderated and the cold air at night would be pushed to the valley floors. After finding this site on Centennial Mountain, a 900-acre former sheep ranch with grassy terrain that could be used for vines amid groves of white oaks and manzanitas, he put in weather stations to verify the climate over three years. It checked out as he had hoped.

The soil here is largely rocky schist rather than the limestone marl of the Langhe or the volcanic soils of Etna.

With two members of his Rhys team who are also working at Aeris — Jeff Brinkman, the winemaker, and Javier Tapia, the vineyard manager who demonstrates his commitment through his license tag "Nerello" — Harvey in 2013 began the process of putting in roughly 10 acres of nebbiolo; 4.5 acres each of carricante and nerello mascalese; 2 of nerello cappuccio, with which mascalese is often blended on Etna; as well as 2 acres of zinfandel; 1 of primitivo, zinfandel's Pugliese sibling; and an acre of barbera.

Why zinfandel? Paul Draper, the longtime head of Ridge Vineyards, recommended it, Harvey said.

In a quirk of American labeling laws, nerello cappuccio must be called "carignan," even though a genetic link between the two grapes has not been firmly established.

Aeris' first California wines were made in 2017. I tasted the 2018s last month. Aeris is issuing two whites: Centennial Mountain Bianco and Centennial Mountain Carricante.

The bianco is a basic carricante bottling that is savory, earthy and saline. It is soft and deliciously easy to drink. The carricante is a step up, denser, more concentrated and tightly wound though no heavier. It is tangy and saline, with floral and mineral flavors that may take several years to open up.

It was superb and fascinating to compare to the 2018 Etna Bianco Superiore, which likewise was dense and concentrated but had more pronounced aromas of salt and rocks.

The 2018 Centennial Nerello Mascalase was structured and earthy, with explosive aromas of red fruits and herbs. It will need a few years to unwind, as will the 2018 Centennial Nebbiolo, which was dense, highly floral and profoundly tannic.

The 2018 Centennial Bricco Rosso, a blend of 50% nebbiolo, 15% each nerello mascalese, nerello cappuccio and primitivo and 5% barbera, was far more accessible, though still tannic, with complex aromas of red fruits and herbs.



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Spring risotto in shades of pink and green

By Melissa Clark
The New York Times



A whole bunch of chard adds color and texture, while pancetta lends a porky, salty crunch to a pot of satiny risotto. **DANE TASHIMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

The day I found out that I didn't have to stand over the risotto pot, stirring constantly with one hand as I awkwardly ladled in simmering liquid with the other, was the day the rice dish went into my permanent dinner rotation.

Before that, risotto was for special occasions only, something I'd trot out when I was trying to impress.

With the rumpled pages of my copy of Marcella Hazan's "Essentials of Classic Italian Cooking" falling open to page 245 — Risotto With Parmesan Cheese — I gave the cooking technique my full attention, heeding the formidable author's precise instructions.

"You must never stop stirring," she wrote, explaining that it is through "the gradual administration of small quantities of liquid" and never-ending stirring that the soft starch of the short-grain rice is able to bind with the broth, creating a satiny sauce.

Rice that is not constantly stirred, she admonished, "may turn into a perfectly agreeable dish, but it is not risotto, and will not taste like risotto."

Dutifully, I stirred and stirred, losing hours of my life to those needy rice pots.

When I heard there was an entire contingent of risotto rebels who did not abide by constant stirring, I immediately joined their ranks.

An occasional vigorous stir, I learned, works perfectly well. So does cooking rice and broth together in a stovetop or electric pressure cooker. And so does baking it.

Whether you feel comfortable calling the dishes that result from these techniques risotto is up to you. But they are excellent methods and undeniably easier.

For this vegetable-rich rendition, I add an entire bunch of chard, both stems and leaves, to the risotto pan. The stems, sliced and sautéed with some shallots, turn sweet and succulent. The chopped leaves are mixed in later, wilting in the broth and speckling the rice with bits of green. If you can get Swiss chard that's red, it tints everything gorgeously pink, but Swiss or rainbow chard with stalks of any color will work equally well.

I also threw in pancetta for a salty, brawny crunch. But it's easy to leave out and, if you weren't expecting the pork, you'd never miss it. Or you can substitute shiitake or oyster mushrooms, sautéed until crisp.

The possibilities here really are endless. The ingredients in risotto, it turns out, are just as adaptable and forgiving as the cooking method.

RISOTTO WITH CHARD AND PANCETTA

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Total time: 50 minutes
4 ounces pancetta or unsmoked bacon, diced
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
½ cup chopped shallots or red onion
1 (8-ounce) bunch Swiss chard, preferably red Swiss chard, stems thinly sliced and leaves coarsely chopped
3 garlic cloves, finely grated or minced
1 ½ cups Carnaroli, Vialone Nano or Arborio rice
1 teaspoon fine sea or table salt, plus more to taste
¾ cup dry white wine
1 quart chicken or vegetable broth, at room temperature (cold broth slows down the cooking)



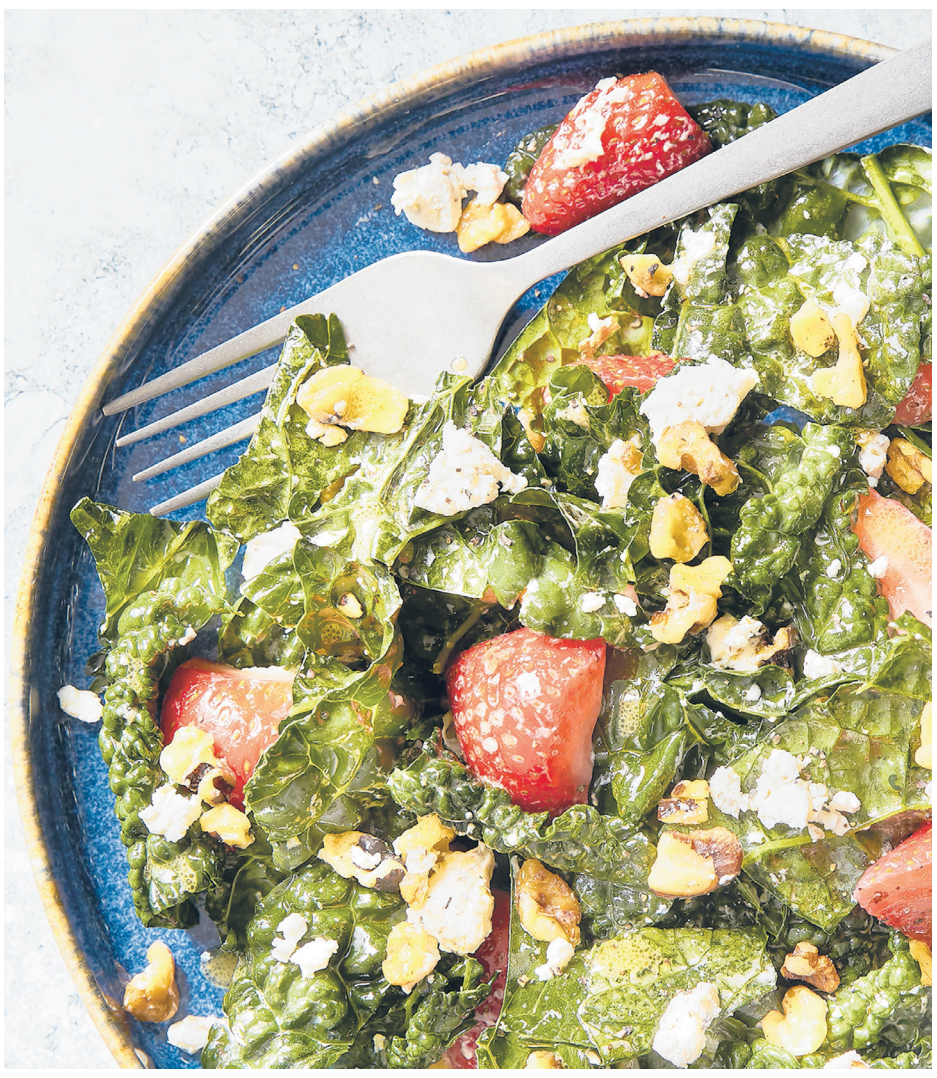
Ingredients to make Swiss chard risotto.

1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest (save lemon, cut into wedges, for serving)
¼ cup grated Parmesan, plus more for serving
1. Combine pancetta and oil in a large skillet and turn the heat to medium. Cook until fat has rendered and the pancetta is golden brown and crisp, stirring occasionally, 5 to 10 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer pancetta to a paper towel-lined plate.
2. Add butter to the skillet and let melt over medium heat. Stir in shallot and cook until translucent, 3 to 5 minutes. Add chard stems and garlic, and cook until fragrant and golden, 2 minutes.
3. Stir in rice and 1 teaspoon salt, and cook until rice is opaque and smells slightly toasted, 3 to 5 minutes.
4. Stir in wine and cook until it's absorbed, about 3 minutes. Add stock, about ½ cup at a time, stirring occasionally, until rice is cooked through but still has a slight bite, 20 to 27 minutes.
5. Add lemon zest and stir until well distributed. Stir in chard leaves and cook until softened, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes longer. If the risotto is too thick, stir in a little water or some more broth (do this until the level of creaminess pleases you; perfect risotto texture is subjective). Stir in Parmesan, then taste and add more salt, if needed.
6. Spoon immediately into individual bowls. Sprinkle pancetta on top and finish with more Parmesan and black pepper, if desired. Serve with lemon wedges on the side for squeezing.

A salad that's perfectly sweet for lunch or dinner

By Ali Ramee | EatingWell

Apple-cider vinegar and mustard flavor the dressing, while fresh strawberries offer a touch of sweetness in this easy-to-assemble salad. Creamy herbed goat cheese completes this dish, which you can serve for lunch or dinner.



Fresh strawberries offer a touch of sweetness in this salad. **GREG DUPREE/EATINGWELL**

KALE AND STRAWBERRY SALAD

Makes: 4 servings
Total time: 15 minutes
8 cups chopped lacinato kale
5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
½ teaspoon salt, divided
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
¼ teaspoon ground pepper
1 ½ cups strawberries, halved
2 ounces garlic-and-herb goat cheese, crumbled
⅓ cup chopped walnuts, toasted
1. Combine kale, 2 tablespoons oil and ¼ teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Using your hands, massage the kale until well coated, about 1 minute.
2. Whisk vinegar, mustard, pepper and the remaining ¼ teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Whisking constantly, slowly drizzle in the remaining 3 tablespoons oil.
3. Add strawberries, goat cheese and walnuts to the kale; drizzle the dressing over the salad and gently toss to combine.
Recipe nutrition per serving: 301 calories, total fat: 28 g, saturated fat: 6 g, cholesterol: 6 mg, carbohydrates: 9 g, fiber: 3 g, total sugars: 4 g, protein: 6 g, sodium: 411 mg, vitamin A: 3206 IU



This eggplant dish highlights ginger, chile and garlic flavors. **DREAMSTIME**

SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Japanese eggplant dish is a favorite in our family

By Diane Rossen Worthington
Tribune Content Agency

I like cooking with Japanese eggplants. They have a thick skin and sponge-like texture that allows for glazes and sauces to be easily absorbed. I also like the shape and ease of slicing them.

I have found that Japanese eggplants seem to be slightly sweeter than their larger cousin. They are delicious grilled, roasted or sauteed.

Also, their flavor is fairly bland, so you can cook them with different flavorings, from tahini to tomatoes.

This Asian dish is a favorite in our family when we crave ginger, chile and garlic flavors. As long as you have all your ingredients prepped, this is easy to put together.

This ginger-chile eggplant stir-fry is a universal complement to Asian-style main courses. Make sure to taste it at the end of cooking and adjust if you'd like your dish sweeter or spicier. If you like it even spicier, you can add more chile paste. I like to serve it with noodles with peanut sauce and a stir-fry of colorful Asian vegetables for vegetarians. It also pairs nicely with salmon or sea bass.

STIR-FRIED EGGPLANT IN SPICY ASIAN SAUCE

Makes: 4 servings
3 tablespoons peanut oil
4 Japanese eggplants, unpeeled and cut into 1-inch thick slices
3 medium cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh ginger
4 scallions, finely chopped
1 tablespoon chile paste with garlic
2 tablespoons sherry
2 tablespoons soy sauce
½ teaspoon sugar
2 teaspoons cider vinegar
½ cup chicken stock
Salt to taste
2 teaspoons dark sesame oil
1. In a wok over high heat add the peanut oil, swirling around to coat the sides. When the oil is hot but not smoking, add the eggplant and toss every 15 to 20 seconds for 2 to 3 minutes or until lightly browned.
2. Add the garlic, ginger and scallions, and toss for another minute. Add the chile paste, sherry, soy sauce, sugar, cider vinegar and chicken stock, and cook, tossing every 15 to 20 seconds for 3 minutes.
3. Reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes or until the eggplant is tender. Remove the cover and add salt to taste. Drizzle with the sesame oil and serve immediately.